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Tory MP turns on Willetts over his role in Hamilton cash for questions affair

Minister accused of lying

Row over crucial memo

David Hencke Westminster Correpondent

letts, the minis-ter at the centre inquiry into the handling of the "cash for questions" scandal, was accused last night by a fellow Tory of having lied either to his own whips or to the committee investigating a eaked memo into the affair.

Quentin Davies, Conserva-tive MP for Stamford, accused the Paymaster General of either deceiving his colleagues at the time he wrote a crucial memo in 1994 about a converstaion with Sir Geof-frey Johnson Smith about the affair or trying to deceive the inquiry last night.

"There are no two ways about it," said Mr Davies, during a heated exchange at the climax of a specially convened meeting of the Commons Standards and Privi-leges Committee. "Which of Both of them cannot be true." Yesterday's hearing was forced after the memo, written by Mr Willetts, then a government whip, was made public following the collapse of the libel action brought against the Guardian by dis-graced former minister Neil Hamilton and the lobbyist Ian

The memo indicated that Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the committee charged with investigating MPs' behaviour, wanted advice from the Government on how to deal with complaints about Mr Hamilton. The minister, who was to resign five days later, had been exposed by the Guardian as having taken money in exchange for lobbying and asking parliamentary questions on behalf of Mohammed Al Fayed. owner of Harrods.

Mr Davies said the two versions of events were "180 degrees wide" of each other. Which would not simply be reconciled. One concerned that Mr Willetts should the phrase in the original



David Willetts being questioned by the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee. He denied he had tried to manipulate a previous inquiry

committee.
But last night before the new inquiry, Mr Willetts, directly contradicting the words of his memo, said Sir Geoffrey had not sought advice on how to deal with the affair, that he had not offered any advice; and that there had been no attempt by him to manipulate the committee.

the day the Guardian pub-lished allegations that two government ministers had taken money to ask questions from Mohammed al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, when

they were backbenchers.
"A reasonable man or woman if they had to choose between the two were more likely to choose the original memorandum."

memorandum."
Mr Davies said there were
at least three essential aspects of Mr Willetts's stories
which would not simply be

Geoffrey could either claim subjudice and shelve the inquiry or investigate it as soon as possible "exploiting the Tory majority" on the Committee the day the Guardian published allegations that two Committee. The second was committee the second was convenient to the majority on the committee. the phrase "he wants our advice", which suggested that Sir Geoffrey was seeking guidance from the whips. The third was that he bad not sought to influence the in-

quiry into Hamilton. He said that, clearly, if you read the words in the original memorandum Mr Willetts was "trying to exercise

"It is our first duty to get to the truth... it is extremely difficult to reconcile the two

Sir Geoffrey admitted that on the day he had probably talked to Neil Hamilton about Mr Campbell-Savours told him bringing a libel case abainst the paper. "I thought it was better for the case to be heard in the courts rather than in a parliamentary com-

mittee," he said.
Sir Geoffrey, questioned by both Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, and Mr Davies, first said he may not have realised that Mr Willetts had been appointed a white and then went on to admit in "hindsight" that it would have been better if another whip, Andrew Mitchell, MP for Gedling, had not been

a member of his committee.

him he had proof that Mr Mitchell had been involved in discussions about his proceedings in the committee

with the chief whip.

Both Mr Willetts and Sir
Geoffrey agreed that the original reason why they had
"bumped into each other" was that No 10 had been putting out misleading information of the day of the story — that Mr Hamilton had already been cleared by the Members' Interests Committee.

The Willetts memo

Geoffrey Johnson Smith said No 10 had got in a muddle about Committee on Members' Interests. They claimed it had cleared Neil Hamilton but actually this was only on a complaint about remarks of his, not on the new allegations. He is expecting to receive a formal complaint about Hamilton receiving money etc. He could:

(i) argue now sub judice and get committee to set it aside, or

(ii) investigate it as quickly as possible. exploiting good Tory majority at present.

We were inclined to go for (i) but he wants our advice.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith

'I neither sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me any advice."

David Willetts

'As for the words, "He wants our advice," he didn't seek my advice, I didn't offer any advice and I don't believe Sir Geoffrey expected to receive any advice. They mean "He is in want of advice. He needed advice"."

Quentin Davies

To our readers,

the world.

Either you were deceiving your colleagues in the initial memorandum or you are trying to deceive the committee now in your subsequent memorandum. Which of these two should we believe? Both of them cannot

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Major defiant on 48-hour week

Michael White Political Editor

OHN MAJOR last night raised the stakes in his running battle over the 48-hour working week when he warned his European partners that the Cabinet will not ners that the Cabinet will not back down on the issue — because it shows how Britain is getting economic policy right and they have got it wrong.

On the eve of today's expected judgment from the European Court of Justice, rejecting London's appeal

rejecting London's appeal against enforcement of the working time directive, Mr Major said he will veto the outcome of the Maastricht review conference next summer if he is still in office mer — if he is still in office unless the law is changed to prevent similar "backdoor"



cials stressed last night. In a speech that came close to exemplifying the very "boastful, nationalistic posture" Mr social legislation.

Meanwhile, Britain will major purported to deplore, an upbeat Prime Minister told the annual Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall that 17 years of low tax, privatised and deregulating economic CSI in Harrogata, page 12

Liberal Democrats and an equally stubborn response

Though Mr. Major believes he can outface them — "this. is not like BSR," said Tory loyalists — the Franco-Ger-man alliance remains determined not to let one of the 15 member states block progress on reforming its institutions at next June's summit in Amsterdam.

The nub of Mr Major's case is that "low social costs, no Social Chapter and no mini-mum wage" have given Britain all the flexible advantages Europe lacks. That is why Turn to page 3, column 1

World News



Curiosity killed the eavesdropper but only for a couple of hours

David Berestord in Johannesburg and Kamaj Ahmed

TO PARAPHRASE Monty Python, Talayi George Sogcwe was not dead but

Worried about what worried about what people would say about him at his funeral, he decided to stage his own death to hear exactly what they thought.

With the co-operation of

his wife and six children, Mr Sogcwe arranged the ceremony from his home village of Zwide in South Africa's Rastern Cape.

Throward in Mr Sogcwe explained afterwards that he had an-

Dressed in his best suit and playing dead in a cof-fin, he made his entrance at a gathering in his honour. Hundreds of mourners packed the yard of his the £200 coffin will be kept small home near Port Eliza-beth for the sombre

Relatives dressed in black wept as speakers rep-resenting his family, neighbours and colleagues inside.

Sport

charce of glory

life and sang his praises as Mr Sogowe, aged 65, lis-tened from the comfort of

the coffin.

After more than two hours of sad words and eulogies to his hard work, Mr the coffin. logies to his hard work, Mr Sogtwe, a health worker, rose from his coffin to pro-nounce himself happy that his friends had passed his

test. "I am satisfied they spoke the truth about me and not

other motive - saving loved ones the cost and trouble of organising a funeral when he does die. It cost nearly £1,000 but

for him at the local undertakers. With the funeral orations already delivered, all his wife and children will have to do is bury it with him

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alt's FA Sup time. (but Newcaste admit they have fille Crossword 15; Weather 16; Radio 16; TV 16 against Notis County on Sunday, Newcastle under Lyme that is.....

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The Willetts inquiry



Educated: King Edward School Birmingham, Christ Church, Oxford. First-class honours

Career: Entered Treasury at 22, becoming a principal in monetary division at 26. Moved to Downing Street Policy Unit at 28. Political career: Director of Centre for Policy Studies 1987-92. Elected 1992 for Havant. Parliamentary private secretary to Sir Norman Fowler, party chairman, 1993-94. Assistant whip 1994-96. Paymaster General since July.

'As Sir Geoffrey made clear, I did not think that he was saying anything to me that he would not have said to any other colleague. I did not seek him out. He did not seek me out. We bumped into each other. Everyone was talking about the Hamilton



Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith Age: 72. Educated: Charterhouse, Lincoln College, Oxford. Career: Information Officer, British Consul General, San Francisco. TV interviewer 1954-59. Political career: MP. except for one year, since 1959. Parliamentary undersecretary to armed forces and civil service in Heath government. early 1970s. Chairman of House of Commons Members Interests' Committee, 1980-95. Knighted 1982. Vicechairman of 1922 Committee.

'I did not assume he was a whip. I had no impression he was speaking to me as a whip. I am pretty sure we had a conversation. I could go no further than that. I did not recall having a conversation knowing that he was addressing me as a whip'

Tory grandee disowns whip's memo

Mr Willetts should be asked why he had worded he memorandum in the way he did. "He may have thought I was in need of advice but I certainly didn't need it." Live Days to Statistical history. The case against Mr Hamilton had been a civil need a grinning. ferment over Hamilton, MPs told

Owen Bowcott and Alan Travis

HE ISSUE of the memorandum written by David Willetts had been referred to the Commons standards and privi-leges committee by the House on October 16, the chairman, Tony Newton, explained.

The question was whether there had been improper pressure brought to bear by the Government on the for mer Committee of Members' Geoffrey Johnson Smith was chairing it.

Mr Newton began by asking about the circumstances of Geoffrey and Mr Willetts. what was said in the course of

After more than two years, Sir Geoffrey replied, his recol-lection was not as clear as it might be. It had been a busy day. "I did have a number of people who were concerned about the seriousness of the allegations."

The fact that legal action had been initiated by Neil Hamilton presented his committee with a problem. But he ment about such difficulties "It has never been my custom to seek advice on a matter concerning my chairmanship of that committee. I neither sought advice nor did I expect anyone to give me any advice." Any such action would

have been improper.

had discussions with any other government whips about the Hamilton affair.
"No. Certainly not," Sir

Geoffrey replied. Asked how he knew that Mr Hamilton was going to issue a writ on that day (October 20, 1994), be-fore it had formally been aunounced, Sir Geoffrey said: "The issue of the writ was in the air.' The committee had previ-

ously proceeded with inquiries against other MPs, such as John Browne, where part of the hearing was in private in order not to prejudice other actions, Mrs Taylor said. Could not a similar course have been taken with

Mr Hamilton? In Mr Browne's case. Sir Geoffrey said, there had never been a writ issued. It was different from Mr Hamil-

ton's in that respect.
On the conversation with Mr Willetts, he said he could not recall the circumstances with any degree of accuracy. "I don't think I started any conversation. He may have heard me talking to someone else. I think it's unlikely I would have walked up to anyone and started a conversa-tion. It may have been Mr

Willetts' curiosity." Mrs Taylor asked if it was correct that he had described No 10 as "getting itself into a muddle" on the issue. "Yes, that could be the case," he replied.
Asked about the wording of

the Willetts memorandum. Sir Geoffrey denied it was a He would never have referred "exploiting a Tory majority". Such a phrase would not "exist in my vocabulary".

Iain Duncan-Smith asked if the memorandum was accumatter. To have gone ahead rate. Sir Geoffrey said it was wind an inquiry would have "It's not inaccurate in the sense that it's perfectly true that we had the opportunity to go shead or disregard the writ." Mr Willetts had made the point correctly.

The memorandum accurately reflected the division in his own mind about how the committee should procommittee should proceed. There were dangers in going ahead straight away beshortly become sub judics.

Mr Duncan-Smith asked whom the "we" in the memo-randum referred to. Sir Geoffrey said he did not know. Mr Willetts should be asked. Later Sir Geoffrey sug-

gested that when his conver sation with Mr Willetts about the Hamilton case took place he had not even been aware that the MP was also a government whip and would report the discussion.

'I did not assume he was a whip. I had no impression he was speaking to me as a whip. I did not recall my having a conversation knowing that he was addressing me as a whip," he said.

When MPs last night ex-pressed surprise at Sir Geof-frey's suggestion, as he was an officer of the Tory backbench 1922 executive committee and a former whip, he was adamant that it was possible he would not have realised. Sir Geoffrey later admitted "it might have been better" if another government whip, Andrew Mitchell, the Tory MP for Gedling, had not been appointed to the privileges committee. He agreed with Labour's Dale Campbell-Savours that he would be "surprised" to learn that Mr Mitchell had been in contact with the Chief Whip during the critical period within days of Mr Willett's memo being transmitted to the whips' office. "Yes, that would have been a breach of the undertaking I had," said

Sir Geoffrey. Before finishing his evidence Sir Geoffrey launched a fierce attack on the Guard-

Standards and Privileges Committee been a civil, not a criminal Chairman: Tony

Guardian and Mr Hamilton to have received justice. In his opening remarks Mr Voting members. Willetts agreed that it would bave been wrong to influence Conservative: Quentin Sir Geoffrey. "I didn't seek to Davies (Stamford), Iain influence him or put pressure on the committee," he in-sisted in that case, Mr New-Duncan-Smith

(Chingford), Sir Archie ton said, was not his note of the conversation inaccurate? Hamilton (Epsom and Ewell), Dame Jill Mr Willetts replied: "The Knight (Edgbaston), Sir underlying concerns of Sir Geoffrey's are referred to in David Mitchell the note. I accept that it im-poses a rather artificial struc-(Hampshire NW) Labour: Dale Campbellture on what was a brief conversation. The particular Savours (Workington), words are mine and not his," Mr Willetts said their ex-

change had taken place in what was, in effect, his first

"working week" as a member of the whips office. Asked whether Sir Geoffrey realised

he was speaking to him in that capacity, Mr Willetts replied: "I knew I was a whip

and was talking to him on

that basis.
"As Sir Geoffrey made

clear. I did not think that he

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other. The Neil Hamilton case

was the main story of the day.

was the main story of the uay. Everyone was talking about it. Sir Geoffrey was exercised because he felt that the No 10 press office had been claiming that [Mr Hamilton] had been cleared on the Commit-

he had left the conversation

with the sense that Sir Geof-

Asked to explain the phrase "he wants advice", Mr Wil-letts said: "It means he was in

want of advice." Sir Geoffrey had not asked for any advice.

John Evans (St Helens N), Ernie Ross (Dundee W), Ann Taylor (Dewsbury) Liberal: Nigel Jones (Cheltenham)

Non-voting law officers: Sir Nicholas Lyell, Attorney General; Sir Derek Spencer. Solicitor General; Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, Lord Advocate; Paul Cullen, Solicitor General for Scotland



Simon Hoggart

INQUIRY SKETCH: Polite event in rount of truth

IR Geoffrey Johnson Smith was questioned gently by the Commons committee on standards and privileges yester-day; it was a most merciful grilling.

Sir Geoffrey is a grandee, a reminder of an age before Tory MPs were used car dealers, TV presenters and similar riff-raff. (A coleague reminds me that he used to be a TV presenter. But that was in the days when TV presenters, like Richard Dimbleby, were far grander than most ministers.)
The Leader of the House

thanked him for coming. Sir Geoffrey thanked him for his thanks. The committee gently settled down to its task of finding why a government whip, Mr David Willetts, seemed, in a Mr memo he had written, to have got hold of the idea that Sir Geoffrey had been willing to nobble the com-mittee on members' inter-

astonished manner of an adult admiring a child's

You would be wrong. We were in the stage world of the select committee, where everyone is estimable. trustworthy and generally

fragrapt. Indeed, Sir Geoffrey could barely contain his admiration for Mr Willetts, a man of "intellect", blessed with "an inquiring mind", the object of his "deep respect". In spite of this, Sir Geoffrey confessed that he was probably unaware at the time that this mental

colossus had actually been made a whip. Nevertheless, Mr Willetts seemed equally admiring of Sir Geoffrey. The key point of the memo was the phrase: "he wants our ad-vice" with the implication that this meant advice on how best to fix the committee.

"This is the sentence in my note which might have been misleading," Mr Willetts said — a remark which would have been greeted by ribald laughter in any more sceptical assembly. Mr Wil-letts continued: "When I wrote 'he wants our ad-vice,' what I meant was 'he is in want of advice'."

In the same way a mugests, which he chaired.
Sir Geoffrey was baffled that anyone should entertain such a thought. He want of his money, mean-

found what Mr Willetts had | ing purely, m'ind, that I did written "astonishing", a | not have it." Some of the word he uttered in the un- few tough questions came from Dale Campbell-Savours, a Labour MP with dark, piercing eyes, a low conjuring trick.
You might imagine that
Sir Geoffrey would be cross
with Mr Willetts for makwith Mr Willetts for maklooked and sounded like recording angel who will tick off your sins on

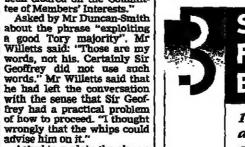
Judgment Day. Earlier, we watched the spectacular sight of the Deputy Prime Minister corpeople were caught bang to rights by the police, they exercised the right to silence. Now Mr Howard has abolished that. So Mr Heseltine exercises the

A confidential memo has turned up, suggesting that Hezza wanted to use civil servants to find people who would put across the Gov-

Yesterday he denied every thing, noisily. If Mr He tine were caught climbing out of someone's front window, dressed in a mask and striped jersey, carrying a sack marked 'SWAG', he

would deny everything. Last night the Prime Min-ister said Britain has recovered its "zest": pop culture rules the air-waves" and "our capital has been described in an American magazine as 'the coolest city on the planet'." I found this description of the contempory zestgeist deeply depressing. He seems to mean that we have recovered as a nation be-cause Chris Evans does the breakfast show on Radio 1.

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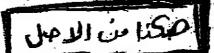












Chris McGreaf In Goma

HE leader of the Rwandan-backed rebels who have seized parts of eastern
Zaire yesterday threatened a renewed attack on a large refugee camp unless the international community sends troops to neutralise Hutu

With early outside military with early outside military intervention seeming increasingly unlikely amid divisions on the United Nations Security Council, Laurent Kabila appeared to be laying the groundwork for breaking his own ceasefire in order to launch a new onslaught against Huttu militias that are using Rwandan refugees as a shield.

Speaking as the first humanitarian aid dribbled into rebel-held areas during the day, Mr Kabila, head of the Alliance of Democratic Factor for the VN overrode the Zair. The UN overrode the Zair and government's demand that all aid should be directed through the capital, Kinshasa, and none should go to rebel-held areas, sending a Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, warned that the war was about to escalate because Hutu extremists in the Mugunga refugee camp were mogunga ranges camp were continuing to shell nearby Goma, the provincial capital seized by rebels 10 days ago. "These people in Mugunga,

the former Rwandan army, are still shelling Goma," he said. "Can we continue to be silent when they are killing people in Goma? We must stop the killing of innocent people on our side. If we attack the camp to put out these killers the international community will start crying again; so the solution is for the international community to send troops to neutralise stadium, where they spent those people in the camps. We last night.

hope it can do something be-fore it is too late." Mr Kabila said his troops were 500 yards from Mugunga but resistance in the camp was proving difficult to break.

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He said he would accept an international force only from countries he deemed neutral. He said nations such as Sweden would be acceptable but he would prefer troops from African countries such as Mali, Zimbabwe or Ethiopla. French soldiers would be presumed hostile because of Paris's support for Zaire's night and smashed roadpresident, Mobutu Sese Seko.

The South African presia television interview yester- ther trouble.

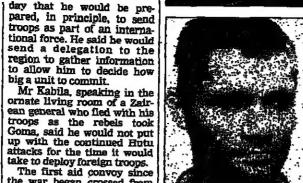
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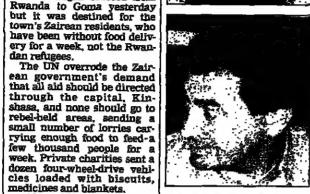
represents an important point

of principle," said Mr Major, who insisted that issues such

Man in black — with blackest of deeds











Handcuffed Peter Moore arrives at court to face charges of murdering Henry Roberts (top), Edward Carthy, Keith Randles and Anthony Davies

Gay sadist 'stabbed four men to death for fun'

campuses, where violent pro-tests against the government handling of the reballion have Unremarkable businessman 'turned into monster by night' been spearheaded, were

David Ward

who stabbed his victims th for him with £25 combat knife, murdered four men in North Wales within three months, a court

Alex Carille QC, prosecuting, told the jury at Mold crown court that Peter Howard Moore described one of Major threatens to use veto in battle over 48-hour week the killings as "a job well done" and had planned to kill another man — his bank man-With Michael Hessitine and other ministers also talking ager — but was arrested. Moore, aged 50, denies four charges of murder.

ing a black shirt and tie as he sat impassively in the dock between two prison officers. Black was his uniform and was the man in black black thoughts and the black-est of deeds," he said. "The defendant by day gave

the impression of being an unremarkable businessman with some entrepreneurial flair for opening cinemas. By night he was utterly different. The nocturnal Peter Moore was one of the most danger-ous people ever to have set foot in Wales."

Mr Carille said Moore, of

Kinmel Bay near Rbyl, was dles fought for his life. "a homosexual of a particular

tory sadist."

He told the jury of eight men and four women that Moore, who had bought three cinemas across North Wales and had planned to open a fourth, had an unhealthy in-terest in the Nazis. He showed the jury photographs of leather clothing, military style caps and handcuffs found at Moore's home and told them of a black truncheon Moore kept by his bed

for sexual pleasure.
Mr Carlile said Moore knifed Keith Randles, a security manager, 12 times on an A5 roadworks site on Angle-sey last November 30. He drove home but returned to sers round his ankles and a black bow tie lost as Mr Ran-dles fought for his life. buttocks. He had been stabbed 14 times on the front

Moore allegedly told detector of his body and 13 on his

kind... a violent and predatory sadist."

He told the jury of eight men and four women that Moore, who had bought three cinemas across North Weles one-word answer. "I just said, had alcoved to word answer. "I just said, anthony Davies, aged 48, a wrapped object up to the jury."

back. A Nazi flag that had bought a knife in a shop in Rhyl in September last year. "He bought the item contained in this canister." he said Moore met said, holding the plastic-timens across North Weles. 'Fun'... He looked nonplussed... He carried on

screaming. Asked whether killing gave him pleasure, Moore had replied: "Yes, there was a certain enjoyment from it. But it certainly wasn't a sexual enjoyment. It was a job well

addict and a drunk"— in a gay bar in Liverpool, drove him to a lonely forest near Ruthin and stabbed him Retired railway worker Henry Roberts, aged 56, was left lying face down outside his farmhouse on Anglesey the murder scene to retrieve a knife wound in each of his

to have told detectives: "I knifed him four times and killed him. He just collapsed in a heap. . . I stuffed him be-hind some trees." Mr Carlile said Moore had

seven times. Moore is alleged

times in the chest, leaving

him dead at the water's edge.

The court heard that Moore met Edward Carthy, aged 28, from Birkenhead — "a drug

He said Moore met said, holding the plastic-Anthony Davies, aged 48, a wrapped object up to the jury. crematorium worker from "I am not going to take it out Colwayn Bay, on a beach used because it is dangerous to do by homosexuals. He stabbed so and unhygienic to do so behim once in the back and five | cause it has on it the blood of a number of dead men." He showed the jury a similar knife, with a non-stick handle

and double-edged blade. The court heard that Moore had denied the killings until he began talking freely to a custody officer while on remand, telling him about Mr Carthy's body, then still undiscovered.
Mr Carlile said Moore had

"coldly, for fun, to relieve tension, to gratify his sadistic instincts".

The trial continues today:

starts black market war by ambushing

local difficulty.

DRITAIN'S biggest brew-bery, Scottish & Newcas-tle, sparked a beer war last night when it admitted that it had withdrawn Guinness from many of its 2,600 nationwide outlets in

favour of its own brews. Drinkers in London's West End were among the first to discover that land-lords had been forced to pull their last pints of the black-and-white nectar in favour of cheaper alterna-tives, Beamish and

age, which was taken over by S&N in August last year. S&N said the withdrawal was part of an attempt to satisfy customers but refused to say how many pubs were affected.

S&N spokes woman Frances Knox said: "The takeover of Courage meant an enlargement in the num-ber of beers available to Scottish & Newcastle retail pubs and this has led to a review of the beers and stouts we offer.

Self brews Gillespie in Scotland, while Beamish is made in Ireland by Cour-

Trials undertaken with | be to talk to the brewery. | being squeezed by Guincustomers proved that Beamish and Gillespie were popular alternatives and their introduction has added interest to the

product range stocked in

The move took Guinness executives by surprise and was attacked immediately by trade experts who said it appeared that S&N was try-ing to squeeze out its

competitor.
Guinness public relations
director Sean O'Neill said:
"We were not aware of this

We are naturally concerned to find out more.

"The word alternative is

key, because our figures show that consumers pre-fer draft Guinness to other share of the market and our share is growing. This may explain why they have done

The word in one S&N-tied pub yesterday was that the price of Guinness was set to rise from £2.17 a pint (not at the top end of the range in central London) to £2.27. surprising initiative and so the brewery withdrew it to grab a bit of the action our immediate action will — suggesting that S&N was back for themselves."

ness. A pint of Beamish was being offered in the same pub at £2.16.
Trade commentators speculated that S&N was not defending customers

against price rises, but was seeking to boost its share of an expanding market. Garth Williams, editor of Free House magazine, said: "Many customers will be very upset that they cannot get a pint of Guinness in their regular pub any more. This move may be seen as Scottish & Newcastle trying

as the 48-hour working week Mr Carlile pointed out to were "best resolved between employer and employee". Major rattled through the familiar list of Tory achieve-In his crucial passage, he ments to insist that, this time, said: "If the court rules the recovery would not stall. "If that is so, it is a change

Mugunga about delivering food to the camp, which is thought to contain up to

400,000 people.

Meanwhile, two Kinshasa

blocks they had set up, wit-nesses said. Some businesses

closed vesterday.

against us, we will require changes in European law to reinforce Britain's protection from such legislation. Our partners know that And they know that we shall insist upon these changes before we can conclude any new agree-

ment [in Amsterdam]."
Extolling the performance of new industries — broadcasting, tourism, high technology — in a globalised freetrade market, he likened Britain's entrepreneurial classes to the 16th-century Elizabethans who took trade and investment around the world at greater risk.

up the feel-good factor at the CBI conference in Harrogate — and decrying both media "pessimists" and Labour's pro-business stance — Mr

of historic importance," he told his City audience, citing privatisation, deregulation and inward investment among his successes. "As a result, we are pulling shead of the European field."

In yet another move to dampen voter expectations and City fears ahead of the November 26 Budget, he added: "And we'll ram the message home with a prudent and sensible Budget — one that will keep us on the path of growth and prosperity for

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News in brief

'Like the movies' for plane birth doctor

BRITISH doctor John Heyworth said yesterday he "only thought it happened in the movies" after he responded to a call for any doctors on board from the capitain of a Hong Kongbound airliner. Mr Heyworth, 43, from Gosport, Hampshire duly stepped forward — and found himself delivering a baby girl to a Filipino woman who had gone into labour at 33,000ft. Mr Heyworth, who works at Southampton general hospital, was going to a conference in Australia when he found himself at work, aided by British Airways stewardess Karen Pirt. He said afterwards: "Fortunately the birth was quick and the baby did all the right things. Karen was a fantastic help." Mother and baby are both well in a Hong Kong hospital.

Menuhin violin appeal

YEHUDI Menuhin has appealed for corporate help to buy a 17thcentury Stradivari violin to be played by young virtuoso Leland Chen. Lord Menuhin believes the instrument will be worthy of the rising star who won the Menuhin International Violin Compe tition. London auctioneer Phillips expect the instrument to sell for up to £700,000 when it is offered on November 27.

Knife killers sentenced

TWO thugs who knifed student Tundi Obanubi. 20, to death in the grounds of Newham college in East Ham, east London, on February 27 last year after hunting him down in a 16-strong mob "like a pack of animals" following a dispute over use of a ping pong table received life sentences at the Old Balley yesterday. At their trial in May, Saeed Nur, 27, of Manor Park, and student Umran Qadir, 17. from East Ham, both east London, were found guilty of murder, but the jury could not agree on the case of a third man, student Yusef Sofu, 20, of Leytonstone, east London. Yesterday, however, Sofu was discharged by the judge after being cleared by a second jury of murder and manslaughter. The judge then lifted a ban on publication of the sentences of Nur, who was jailed for life, and Qadir, ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's Pleasure. A fourth defendant, Kazi Rahman, 21, was cleared of murder, nslaughter and violent disorder at the first trial

British Museum textile coup

THE British Museum is to open a new World Textile Centre as part of its 20 million study and store development, with a £1 million grant from the Clothworkers' Foundation. Many of the the museum's 18,000 items of textiles — such as a Tahitian mourning dress of bark cloth and pearl shell presented to Captain Cook in the 18th century. were too freedless in bulky to display in Cook in the 18th century - were too fragile or bulky to display in the past, but may now go on show for the first time in the new centre in 1999. The textile centre will be housed in the new £20 million British Museum Study Centre, a former Royal Mail sorting office near the Bloomsbury site. — Mass Kennedy

T S Eliot prize shortlist

SEAMUS Heaney and Adrian Mitchell are among 10 poets on the shortlist for the \$5,000 T S Eliot prize, announced yesterday. Judges Andrew Motion, Helen Dunmore and Ruth Padel picked the list of the 10 best collections of the year, and will also choose the winner of the prize donated by Eliot's widow Valerie, to be announced on January 13. Others on the shortlist are Ciaran Carson, Maura Dooley, John Fuller, Stephen Knight, Les Murray Alice Oswald, Christopher Reid and Susan Wicks.

Campaign for 'veteran trees'

AN oak that was well established when William the Conqueror landed in 1066 was the focal point of a new campaign launched yesterday to stop the felling of Britain's ancient trees, when a new oak sapling was planted under its 1,000-year-old boughs in Windsor Great Park to mark the start of Veteran Tree Initiative. The campaign, launched by English Nature, alms to combat the belief that because a tree is rotten or misshapen it should be felled.

English Nature said hollow trunks and dead boughs are part of
the normal ageing process and should be valued, but many such
trees are felled for commercial reasons between the ages of 50 and 200 years and would live far longer if allowed. Naturalist David Bellamy said: "Britain is the only country in Europe with this amazing collection of ancient trees. It is probably due to the fact that we have not had war in this country for a very long time. We need to put those ancient trees at the heart of the community."

£1m sale twice expectations

THE sale of more than 1,000 pieces of furniture and household items accumulated by a north Devon family over the past 500 years raised more than £1 million at auction yesterday. So theby's, which handled the sale for the Chichester family on the 2,500 acre Hall estate near Barnstaple had set a target of 2500,000 for the

Injunction sought after claims of vandalism



Robert Fine at the High Court yesterday, when he sought an injunction against mature student Eileen McLardy

Woman student 'stalked' lecturer

Sarah Boseley

SOCIOLOGY lecturer alleged in court yesterday that his life was being made miserable by a male mature student who was stalking him, apparently to avenge the "improper sex-ual desires" she believed he once harboured for her.

Robert Fine is seeking a high court injunction to ban his former student, Elleen McLardy, a 50-year-old mother of three, from molesting or harassing him or approaching within 30ft of his home in Learnington Spa. Warwickshire.

Dr Fine, also 50, a senior lecturer at Warwick university, told the court he believed Mrs McLardy was behind a succession of unpleasant events. His office was broken into twice, and a computer was taken. His car was at-tacked four times — it was broken into and the steering wheel torn off on one occasion — and it was twice

driven away. He is claiming damages for 140 separate incidents of

Mrs McLardy denies all the allegations and is counter-claiming that she was as-saulted, verbally abused and harassed by Dr Fine on various occasions. She also seeks a restraining order against him and damages.

The stalking began, it is alleged, in August 1994, after a complaint by Mrs McLardy of sexual harassment against the lecturer was thrown out by the university authorities.
Ashley Underwood, for Dr
Fine, said that the former student, often with her husband, Angus McLardy, would walk up and down on Newbold Common outside Dr Fine's house, appear at the end of the driveway and look in through the windows. She would parade up and down

had been seen. She also followed Dr Fine to and from the local swimming pool, sometimes getting into the pool when he was there. At the university, where she is still registered as a student because she has not yet taken her exams, even though she has completed her two-year degree course, she would turn up near the lecture theatre where Dr Fine was due to

through a window. Mr Underwood said Mrs McLardy had been a parttime student on Dr Fine's course, while nursing a strk mother and a child. "It ap-pears she came under stress and got it into her head that Dr Fine harboured some sort of improper sexual desires toward her. This turned into

a vendetta against him. told Judge Thompson QC. In cross-examination by Peter Goatley, for Mrs McLardy, Dr Fine said the problems began after he had words with her for insulting another student. After the following week's seminar, Mrs McLardy asked to see him. "She accused me of hav-ing sexually harassed her the previous week. That's when she first said that this could lose me my job and she said that she hoped I was not going to deny her allegation. I said I cariainly was because there

'She would parade outside the house with an eerie fixed grin on her face'

was no truth to it." In lectures after that, Mrs McLardy stared at Dr Fine but was quiet, he said, although she would call to see him afterwards.
"Sometimes she did aggra-

vating things like pass a note to all the other students in the class, asking whether they had been sexually harassed by me as well."

After the disciplinary hearing dismissed Mrs McLardy's allegations, the "stalking behaviour", as Dr Fine called it, began. He told Mrs McLardy and her family that he considered her a stalker.

There were times when he felt physically threatened by "the level of venom and haoutside the house "with an ee- tred" of her remarks to him. rie fixed grin on her face" "She has said things like, Til until she had made sure she destroy you'." Sometimes she would suddenly appear at

> he said. "It is very hard if you open the curtains in the

morning and you see this face looking in."

Dr Fine denied the suggestion by Mr Goatley that he had struck Mrs McLardy three blows with his elbow at the swimming pool. The case continues.

Oxford widens



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ome quote.

Lords defeat for love-tug mother

Clare Dyer Legal Corres

HREE children in a tug of love battle must be sent back to Israel, their father's home country, the House of Lords ruled

yesterday. The solicitor for the 24 year old British mother said she was "absolutely devastated." The children, aged four, three and one, have spent the last year with her in Britain.

The parents, whose identity is protected by a court order, are orthodox Jews who con-tracted an arranged marriage in May 1991 and settled in Is-

their father. But the mother their father. But the mother won an emergency appeal and a week later three Appeal Court judges reversed the decision and held that the English courts should decide

In an unusual emergency ruling yesterday, the law lords overturned the Appeal Court's decision. They will give their reasons later this

The mother's solicitor, Helen Sowerby of the Prin-cess of Wales's law firm, con de Reya, said her cli-

land last November, taking the children.

A High Court judge ruled last July that the children must be returned at once to pany the children back to Isreturn to Israel without her. She was on legal aid, and had no alternative but to accom-pany the children back to Is-

rael and continue the legal battle there. The key question the law lords had to decide was whether or not the father aged 29, could be said to have "acquiesced" in the mother's removal of the children. Their decison implies that they decided he did not

Under the Hague Conven-tion on international child abduction, children are meant to be returned quickly to the jurisdiction of their home courts. But the rule need not

local rabbinical courts, the Beth Din. in the case. There was no objection to this, but the father should also have mediate return through the channels set up under the convention. He asked the mother to let the children spend the Passover holiday with him in Israel, promising to return them to England if she agreed. She refused, but the appeal judges said his request supported the infer-ence that he had acquiesced

business school site

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John Carvel Education Editor

OXFORD university's rul-ing executive decided yesterday to seek an alternative site for a £40 million international business school after last week's unexpected defeat when dons voted against plans to build on a supposedly protected city centre sports

The 24-member Hebdoma-dal Council said it was not abandoning its proposal to es-tablish a world class manage-ment studies department on the land stipulated by Wafic Said, the Middle Eastern busi-bessman who has offered to give £20 million towards the

It agreed a formal resolution to call for a postal vote of the university's 3,200 dons on whether the project should go ahead on the site on Mans-field Road. But the ballot will be deferred until next term and the council will "redouble its efforts to find an alternative and central site, ac-ceptable to both the university and the benefac-

tor," a spokeswoman said. The Hebdomadal Council includes Lord Jenkins, the university's chancellor, and Peter North, the vice-chancellor, who argued vehemently last week that the sports ground would be the only central site available in time to meet Mr Said's requirements.

to find an alternative came after warnings from the city planning authorities that they would not be bounced into giving permission for building on the land, which was sold to the university in the 1960s on condition that it



Westminster Abbey, was treated with honour border ing on favouritism there last night.
He got — as eminent

authors usually do — a me-morial in Poets' Corner. But it wasn't just a plain window For Sir John, who died in

1984, the most lavish of rococo tablets was installed on a pil-lar. It was unveiled by his friend and fellow-versifier Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, widow of the Labour prime min-ister. His friend, the author and soldier, Patrick Leigh Fermor, gave an address Also present was the bomb-scared, earnestly praying Square.



Sir John Betjeman

Knightsbridge socialite Sir John created in his poem In Westminster Abbey. Think of what our Nation stands for

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Lord, put beneath thy special care One-eighty-nine Cadogan

Secret inquiry into doctor's death diagnosis mistake by professional and lay mem-bers of County Durham

ADOCTOR who wrongly pronounced a woman dead yesterday appeared be-fore an independent inquiry investigating the misdiag-

Marion Meeson was called to explain the circumstances of the case of widow Maureen Jones, who collapsed at her home in Driffield, North Yorkshire, in April. Mrs Jones, aged 59, was

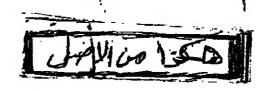
about to be carried to a hearse outside her home when two police officers noticed her left leg twitch. They managed to resuscitate her from what was thought to have been a diabetic coma and she was taken to Scarborough hospital, where she made a full

recovery. Dr Meeson, aged 42, refused to comment on the case as she arrived at the hearing in York which is being held in private

health authority, which was asked to examine the case by North Yorkshire health authority.
As well as Dr Meeson, a

senior GP in a practice in Hunmanby, near Filey. North Yorkshire, who was not Mrs Jones's GP, other witnesses called yesterday included the policemen. Mrs Jones, who recently

said she was still traumatised and that her children had been to "hell and back" after being told she was dead, will not officially be told of the result of the hearing. Only the health authority and Dr Meeson have to be informed of it. But her solicitor Nigel Walshe called for publication of the report 'It is inexcus-able it has taken seven months to come to a conclusion and we hope the authority makes public its



Campaign for action over teenage lawlessness stepped up as figures reveal the problems caused by hardcore were underestimated

Young offenders rampant, say police

ENIOR police officers in an area plagued by juvenile crime yesterday pleaded for fresh initiatives to tackle teenage lawlessness after producing figures showing they had underestimated the problem of persistent offenders

Northumbria police identified 58 youngsters — most 15 or younger — officially responsible for 1,079 crimes in Newcastle upon Tyne last year and arrested on 833 occasions.

They include one boy ar-rested 37 times in a year, who was a thief and burglar at II. and another thought to have committed at least 300 crimes. He has been arrested 64 times in three years. Six months ago he stole an army motorcy-cle and an automatic rifle — both later recovered — after absconding from a remand

But on the assumption that the 58 have committed an average of 7.8 crimes for every

Case 1

TEENAGER, just turned 15, has been arrested 23 times this year with eight court appearances "some of them multiple", according to police report. Came into care of local authority in 1987. Regularly abscords. Stolen almost all fixtures and fittings from one home "Clever . . . steals with professional expertise," the report says. Earlier this year was said to have move into category of Block Of-

ponsible for a staggering 6,500 same problems from a small crimes last year.

fending. At present on bail

crimes last year. The 58 were identified from 400 case studies prepared on young offenders, with most arrests at the end of last year in an attempt to assess the true scale of juvenile crime.
Young criminals were graded in five categories from "most persistent offenders" to

After contacting other orces, from Cumbria to Wilt-

Case 2

OY aged 15, arrested 37 times in 12 months. First came to attention of police in October '92 for offences ranging from burglary and theft to damage. First given a conditional discharge. Since then offences include taking cars without the owner's consent, failure to appear at court and ab-sconding from secure units. Imposition of evening "cur-fews" as a condition of bail

seemed to have had little

ing mayhem can be found in

rural as well as urban areas.

Alan Brown, the assistant chief constable of Northum-

bria, called for a national strategy to deal with juvenile

offenders — starting with special units for boys under

15 who, at present, cannot be remanded in custody. They need not be prison-like, but could be used for juveniles on

Case 3

DOY, aged 15, father in jail. Arrested almost 70 times since 1992 for taking cars, burglary, theft and more petty vandalism. Many crimes undertaken while on bail or after absconding from council care. Police claim he can be linked, at least indirectly, with almost 300 offences. Carlier this year allegedly stole an army motorcycle and automatic rifle. Regu-larly released on ball only to disappear. Police say he is out of control.

tent offenders who need supervision before they be come seriously involved in crime," he said. He said the Government's policy of taking 15- and 16year-olds on remand out of prison into yet-to-be-built se-

cure units could not address the scale of the problem. John North, the divisional probation service director for Newcastle, who joined with police in calling for more se-cure accommodation for per-

sistent offenders, said last night. "The report has shown that this is a much larger problem than had previously been recognised Commun ties have to be protected from a relatively small number of

Police files detail a hard-core of young offenders, too young to be placed in secure accommodation, who, officers say, have what amounts to a licence to commit serious

Surveillance teams from intelligence units are targetting persistent offenders. Young informers also form part of the intelligence network. ton, in charge of operations in Newcastle's West End command area, said officers were frustrasted by the inability of the judicial system to cope with young offenders.

"We have shown that if these people are in custody crime levels are reduced, but we have to look at ways of improving these young crimi-nals as individuals and I am not convinced that locking them up always does that — although it does improve the

Forces push for shake-up of youth justice

by promising to set up a national network of privately

run secure training centres to

hold and educate the 12-to 14-year-olds concerned. At the

same time, the Department of

Health promised to expand the number of 295 local au-thority secure places for teen-agers in trouble by a further 170 places. That was in 1993.

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Both the Home Office and the Department of Health confirmed yesterday that so far neither pledge has been fulfilled. Contracts for two of the flue promised secure training.

five promised secure training

centres have been awarded to

Tarmac and Group 4, but

building has not yet started.

Negotiations are still going on

about where the other three

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE disclosure by North-umbria police of information on 58 youngsters 1.000 crimes is the latest stage shake-up of the youth justice

The campaign to highlight the problems posed by persis-tent young offenders has been running since the early 1990s when police first went public on the criminal records of children dubbed "Ratboy" and "Spiderboy". They and "Spiderboy". They
showed that these young teenagers were "one-boy crime
waves".
The Government responded

A new

authority secure places are available until the middle of next year, said a Department of Health spokesman.

In the meantime, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, has promised new remedies, including curiew orders enforced by electronic tags for children as young as 10.

Rob Allen, of the National Association for the Care and Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said the extra 170 secure places were already parily spoken for to fulfil a longstanding commitment to end the remand in prison of 15 and 16-year-olds and to house the teenage criminals convicted of murder and serious

However, some will be used to allow the courts to remaind 12- to 16-year-olds directly to local authority secure units. "The police understate the powers available not necessarily to the courts but to the local authorities," said Mr Allen. "Most of these young-sters do end up being placed in secure accommodation. They are arguing that courts

Last Post stills world's busiest airport

Nation heeds plea^{*} for work day homage to war dead

Stuart Millar on the sound of silence

Stuart Miller

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T liam yesterday, the world's busiest airport fell silent. The roar of jet engines was replaced by a bu-gler sounding the Last Post before thousands of passen-gers and staff paused in quiet tribute to the nation's war

It was a remarkable scene

repeated across the country as millions of people marked the first time that the silence — commemorating the end of the first world war at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 — had been held on a weekday since the 1930s. Since the tradition of commemorating Armistice Day was suspended during the second world war, the silence has been observed on the nearest Sunday.

But yesterday, the public marked what has been

dubbed the "people's silence".

The Royal British Legion, which led the campaign for the revival of a fixed November 11 silence ber 11 silence, said the response was overwhelming. It estimated that at least two-thirds of the country bad taken part — compared with around half last year when



Saturday. Groups which have marked Armistice Day for years welcomed nationwide recogni-tion of the silence. A spokesman for the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which observed the silence at the Cenotaph in London on Sunday, said: "We feel there is a certain symbolism about the 11th itself and we are pleased to see it is now getting proper recognition."
BBC1, ITN and Sky were

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minutes. They were joined by
many radio stations including BBC Radio 2 and Virgin.
Even the worlds of commerce and justice were
brought to a halt. On the giant
trading floor at the futures ex-

stopped their frantic activity at the sound of a bell. "They just stood where

At court 13 of the High Court in London, the libel action brought by former Irish prime minister Albert Reynolds was entering its closing stages. As Ham approached Mr Justice Frence, a former carbin in the Cold. change in the City of London, proached Mr Justice Frence, 2,500 men and women in a former captain in the Coldbrightly coloured jackets stream Guards, led the stream Guards, led the packed courtroom to its feet in silent contemplation.

The Warwickshire town of

for generations. After the Last Post was sounded by Royal Marine buglers and the two minute silence passed, a million blood-red poppy pet-als fell on the town from a Ron Parsons, secretary of

the local British Legion branch, said: "This parade has been going on sine remember, and it will go on

light on the 'lucky' wars and the 'hard' wars

John Ezard on army records

EOS brief, lucky war of the romantic film star Ronald Colman, and Joe Stones's longer, pitiable time in the trenches are revealed in papers made newly available by the Public Records Office. Colman got an honourable discharge with a sprained ankle after nine months' service. He went on to play heroes like Beau Geste. His biographers boasted of his "wound". Stones fought through

the worst year of the 1914-18 war and died, psychiatri-cally ill and disgraced, in front of a firing squad with a letter starting "Dear Daddy" in his pocket. His widow and daughter were at first refused a war

until the records office disclosed his official documents in an exhibition at Kew. With Colman's, and those of the war poet, Ivor Gurney, and the painter, Stanley Spencer, they are among the first batch of first world war personal records to be relea They cover only 8 per cent of the millions of Brit-ish soldiers who fought.

Film star Ronald Colman in the exhibition at Kew . . .

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, and Stanley Spencer's war

But the office, which has ing when Germans at-had £350,000 in National tacked his trench at Arras. Lottery funding for a pilot project, hopes to make available the records of a further 25 per cent within five years.

The project involves microfilming 33,000 boxes of papers retained for 75 of papers retained for 75 years because of their "personal sensitivity". It will be seized on by social historians eager to find out the height, weight and background of the armies. But it tells a wider story, and resurrects the trage-

and resurrects the trage-dies of battle-worn men like Joe Stones, of the Dur-ham Light Infantry. Enlisting in 1915, Lance Sgt Stones was court mar-tialled and shot in 1917

His medical papers said he was in a nervous state and had trouble walking. But the battalion doctor certified that he was physically

A military prisoner who cleaned away the traces of the execution wrote: "I could tell you of the silence of the military police after reading the letter from his little girl to 'Dear Daddy' and of the bloodstained show which horrified the French peasants."

In 1919 his widow was awarded a £5 a week pension, with a 6s 8d (83p) weekly gratuity for their daughter. The free exhibi-tion at Ruskin Avenue. after "shamefully" throwing away his rifle and flee- ary 17.

Heads attack retirement curbs

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

INISTERS are facing a backlash from head teachers and college principals over moves to clamp down on the flood of early retirement deals for burnt-out teachers.

Heads fear they will be left with a resentful rump of teachers in their mid-50s who had expected to retire early and will be unable to recruit new blood. Morale would suffer and staff costs would rise, head teachers' bodies and the Association of Colleges are telling the Government. Some are predicting sackings. Head teachers last week

rounded on Eric Forth, the Education Minister, at what participants called a stormy meeting to protest against the

extra costs of early retirement which have been met by the Teachers' Superannua-

tion Scheme. Fears of a looming teacher shortage, combined with a warning from Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General — Parlia-ment's financial watchdog that the teachers' pension scheme was deep in debt, have pushed ministers into announcing the measure. The Government also hopes to make savings — money heads say will be lost to

schools and colleges. More than 150,000 teachers have taken early retirement or resigned because of ill health in the past 10 years— three times the number who have left work at the normal retiring age, With retirement

more than 40 per cent of teachers are in their forties and the number of school-New entrants to teache

children is still rising. training are already in short supply for subjects such as maths, and the Government's Teacher Training Agency has admitted its recruitment targets are "challenging". But George Phipson, chair-man of the Association of

Heads of Grant Maintained Schools, appealed for the new arrangements to be phased. He said: "It seems strange if you are trying to improve standards in schools to do it by keeping those people who eel worn out and want to

retire.

From April, local education authorities, schools and colleges will have to bear the interest are acutely aware that interests of the interests of the children.

retire you retain the most expensive teachers and do not replace them with cheaper new teachers so there will be the teaching force." John Brennan, the Associa-tion of Colleges' director of

development, said colleges faced with financial difficulties would no longer be able to offer compensation packages and would have to resort to making staff redundant. "It is going to become a much more painful process for many institutions. A lot of principals have been jumping up and down about it."

Colleges also fear their employer contributions could go through the roof after 2000 be-cause the Government has "It is going to be very hard, cause the Government has roam the streets at night after numbers of foxes in urban and 633 in Glasgow. According to have a number of distance in the superannuation scheme. The council said groups insisted humans had quently sighted in Oxford countryside."

WILDLIFE experts yes-terday moved quickly to calm public fears over foxes after reports that a

baby was attacked as he lay in his pram, Pive-month-old Phillip Sheppard, from Croydon,

south London, was recover-ing at home yesterday after being mauled by what his parents said was a fox in the family's conservatory last lance to the Mayday hospital, Croydon, where he was treated with antibiotics.

His father Marc, a com puter consultant aged 37, said he had complained to Croydon council last month about the number of foxes which



Urban fox . . . no real threat,

pest control officers had been called in.
The attack has intensified concerns about the growing family groups in Edinburgh

foxes have never posed much of a problem to people or domestic animals and we don't think there is a major Mathew Frith, conservation manager of the London Wildlife Trust, said: "This is a

Alarm over urban foxes 'ill founded'

very atypical example. Urban have become less shy, but they are not really aggressive." While foxes have long been attracted to the suburbs by

leafy undergrowth and a plentiful food supply, conserva-tionists believe they are moving into cities in search of

est estimates show 215 for

little to fear. A spokeswoman | Street and in Soho Square in for the RSPCA said: "Urban | central London.

"As their numbers grow, the males get displaced, to find new territories. The territories are smaller, so there is a greater density of urban foxes now."

He warned local authorities against taking hasty action.
"We are told by councils that they are coming under pres-sure from residents. But our worry is that they will do this without looking at the long-

term impact." Martin Hemmington, of the National Fox Welfare Society, said: "Most people who have foxes in their garden don't new territory.

While no detailed national that do welcome the

He dismissed fears that ur-"Urban foxes are more healthy than those in the

Nordic bikers deny killing

OUR Hells Angels and two gang supporters went on trial yesterday for one of the Nordic biker war murders, amid the tight-est security seen in a Danish

The six men pleaded not guilty to the murder of Uffe Larsen, a member of the rival Bandidos motorcycle gang, who was shot at Copenhagen airport on March 10. They iso denied wounding three of yers said the six had not been at the airport during the

On the day of the attack an other Bandido was wounded at Oslo airport in Norway. Until the airport shootings.

gang attacks had taken place near the bikers' rural clubhouses. But in the past eight months, the feud has spread to heavily populated areas, prompting fears that bystand-ers might be caught in the

Recent attacks have in cluded a shooting outside the main post office in Oslo and an anti-tank grenade fired into the Hells Angels Copenhagen headquarters which killed two people and injured

In total, at least nine people have been killed and 46 wounded in the three-year

Security measures on the trial's first day included an armed police escort into the Eastern High Court for the

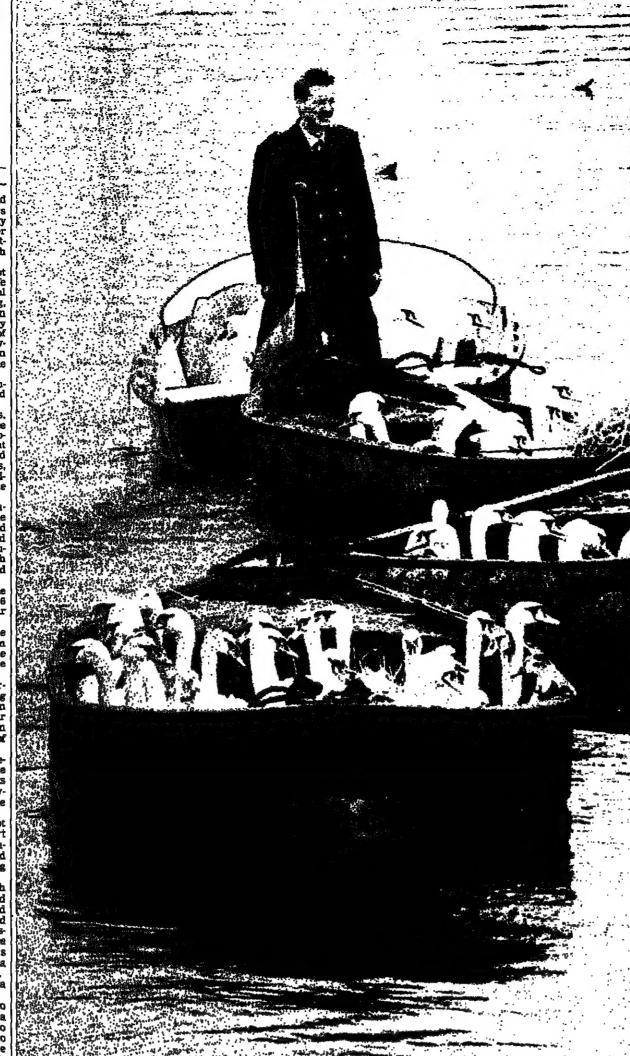
Armed police also sur-rounded the court building and marksmen could be seen on nearby roots. Streets near the courthouse have been closed to traffic because of fears of car bombs

No one with a criminal re cord was allowed into the public gallery, and journalists and observers were bodysearched before entering the

be named under a court order, have been held separately since their arrests and gave each other a bikers' hug when they met.

The prosecution, which claimed the six men "plotted and conspired homicide", did not indentify the one alleged to have shot Larsen. The pros-ecution will try to convince the jury that the bikers should be sentenced as a group and not as individuals.

life sentence. Sixty-nine people are due to take the stand, including a non-biker who is expected be the key witness. He tried to avoid a court appearance Angels, but the Supreme Court ruled in September that he must testify.



The swans of Hamburg's Alster lake were rounded up by their keeper Olaf Niess yesterday and taken by boat to their winter accommodation. They will be set free next spring

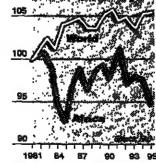
Food summit targets women

The World Food Summit opens in Rome tomorrow aiming to find a

way of halving the world's undernourished people in the next two

decades from 840 million. For entirely practical reasons, reports

Food production



N THE heady days of the "Green Revolution", recalls Marie Randriamamonjy, foreign development workers devised a scheme to plant high-yielding rice in West Africa. The chosen variety had an unusually short stalk.

Fime went by, but the size of the harvests failed to

"Then they found out that it "Then they found out that it was not the men, but the women, who did the harvesting. The women went into the fields with babies strapped to their backs, and harvesting the rice had become almost impossible for them because the part extrains were a clear to the new strain was so close to according to a study pub-the ground," says Ms Ran-lished last year.

believes some of the world's poorer countries still need

aid on a vast scale, writes

A special report, released ahead of this week's World Food Summit said: "Forty

per cent of the total popula

tion of sub-Saharan Africa

is already chronically undernourished and this

number could rise unless

action is taken.'

John Hooper, those concerned with food aid and development regard the female of the species as their priority driamamoniy, of the UN's Rome-based Food and Agri-

culture Organisation (FAO). One of the more striking aspects of the frequently opaque declaration to be adopted at the FAO-sponsored World Food Summit, which begins in Rome tomorrow, is the emphasis on the role of women. On the very first page, heads of state and government are called on to acknowledge the "fundamental contribution to food security by women". This has little to do with political correctness. For en-tirely practical reasons, de-

velopment workers increasingly see women as their priority targets.
The international Food Policy Research Institute has said that "income in the hands of women contributes more to household food security and child nutrition than income controlled by men",

GLOBAL food supplies | commit the international | four years. Production of are rising, but the FAO | community to halving the | rice was also forecast to

community to halving the number of undernourished

people in the world by the

The FAO has neither

sought nor obtained pledges of hard cash to

back the words in its

The agency's latest fore-cast for this year's global

year 2015.

agreed by officials, will for their first increase in eastern Zaire.

undernourished and this cereal production was umber could rise unless ction is taken."

The summit declaration, the summit declaration in th

which has aiready been carry-over stocks were set

The director of the FAO's | who produce much of the women and population div-ision, Leens Kirjavainen, said she reached a similar conclusion during her years as an educational adviser in Sudan

and Tanzania.
"If money is given to women, it is generally used for better nutrition, better clothing, and for the welfare of the household. If it's given to men, it tends to be spent on electronic goods, a new bi-cycle maybe, or — if we're to be really frank — on prostitu-tion, alcohol and other forms of consumption that don't

help the family". The World Food Programme (WFP), another UN body based in Rome, insists that 80 per cent of its food aid be given directly to house-holds, usually through the holds, usually through the senior female member. Ironically, since women and girls are believed to ac-

count for seven out of ten of the planet's hungry, it is they

rice was also forecast to rise significantly.

Yet there was famine in

parts of Liberia. Somalia was suffering from a combi-

nation of drought, flooding

and insect damage, and both Angola and Mozam-

bique had large displaced

populations. Sub-Saharan Africa is

still producing less food per person than it did 30 years

ago. The FAO's report was

written before the crisis in

that idea into practice with a scheme to give families a can each of their daughters spent "Fairly typically in the more conservative, rural areas, only about a quarter of Aid vital for Africa despite rising global supplies

> The WFP targeted Baluchi-stan and Frontier Province borders with Iran and Afghanistan, where purdah is the norm.

the girls are even enrolled.

Actual attendance can be as

low as 5 to 10 per cent." he

food. Latest estimates put the

proportion at 80 per cent in Africa and 60 per cent in Asia, much higher than develop-

The level seems to be ris-

cities, the world is seeing a

process which Dr Kirjavainen calls "the feminisation of

calls "The leminisation of agriculture and poverty".

Women often lack the education needed to cope with their new responsibilities. Two out of every three illiterates in the world are women.

There is thus an increasingly strong belief that, in the long term, the best way to feed the world's poor will be

to educate its women. The

WFP's director in Pakistan,

Peter Jobber, began outting

ment workers had thought.

"In two years we have doubled enrolment, and the attendance of the girls who are enrolled has incres 95 per cent", says Mr Jobber. He believes the success of the programme suggests these areas are "not as con servative as outsiders think". tance on grounds of religion



FAO secretary-general. Jacques Diouf in Rome

or tradition. Parents had been keeping their girls away for financial reasons — to help with work at home. When the balance of economic advan-tage was tipped in the opposite direction, they became enthusiastic supporters of their daughters' education.
"The programme has had a by product we didn't foresee", says Mr Jobber, "Women's mobility is restricted in these areas because it is the men increasing number of moth-ers have been coming to school once a month to collect their daughter and the can of oil. It has provided the teachers, often for the first time, with an opportunity to exchange a few words about the

daughter's progress at

EU partners warned of threat to single currency Bonn digs in heels on budget rules

John Palmer in Brussels

ERMANY warned yesterday that it will not agree to launch the single European currency until its European Union partners back stricter limits on the budget deficits that governments are allowed.
Agreement on the stability pact for single-currency countries is the last big ob stacle in the way of an agree

ment on monetary union. EU finance ministers meet ing in Brussels falled to agree on the circumstances under which countries in the single-currency bloc will be allowed to run deficits above the 3 per cent target set by the Maas-tricht treaty. The German state secretary

for finance, Jürgen Stark, said Bonn would not be dictated to by countries which might not be in the monetary union and would not be orced into an agreement it did not want.

The Bonn government has been criticised at home for making too many concessions to EU countries opposed to the Bundesbank's rigidly monetarist vision of the

ingle currency. Last night Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exche-quer, supported the European Commission and most EU governments which want a more flexible approach. He accused Bonn of "exaggerating the importance of one small aspect of the proce-dures" for monetary union.

He also dismissed accusations by Tory Eurosceptics that Britain would be legally bound by the disciplines of the stability pact if it stayed outside the single currency. But he conceded that Britain still had an interest in ensuring that the euro was run as a

stable currency.
"The stability and success of that euro-zone will have an effect on the economic well-being of every member of the

The stability and success of those in monetary union will have an effect on the economic well-being of every

European Union," he said.
"An excessive deficit in one country in the euro-zone could put upward pressure on interest rates for all countries. (including interest rates in non-member countries."

EU member'

He added: "In many ways i am proposing tougher targets for budgetary balance than are set out in the Maastricht

He said any chancellor who needed "to be reminded of the need to reduce an excessive deficit would not be doing his duty in the interests of the

At the heart of the dispute between Germany and the rest of the EU is whether the "lemporary and exceptional circumstances" which might justify bigger budget deflets should be rigidly defined in

statistical terms.

Bonn says that a country can only expect to run a dencan table 3 per cent of GDP if output falls by 2 per cent in a year; others want the EU Council of Ministers to judge each case on the

circumstances.
"The Germans are virtually alone on this and they will have to rerognise this fact," Mr Clarke said. But Ruairi Quinn, the Irish president of the council of EU

finance ministers, said he was "optimistic that we will be able to come to an egrement on this by the Dublin summit in December".

The Commission may now draw up proposals defining in figures how serious a recession must be for the rules of monetary union to be waived. However, it will insist that the Council of Ministers has

the last word. "We made more progress today in resolving the issues surrounding monetary union, including the legal status of the euro and the rules which will apply to countries inside and outside of the new European exchange rate system,

Yves Thibault de Silguy, said. "We still need to do more work on the stability pact. But there is a general will to reach

to

fire

External strike force for Bosnia rejected by Nato

The international community agrees on the form of future involvement in

Bosnia, reports David Fairhall

LL ALLIED troops Astaying on in Bosnia — including the Ameri-cans — must be fully involved on the ground, an overwhelming majority of Nato ambassadors

agreed yesterday. After a briefing from General George Joulwan, the Nato forces in Bosnia. the ambassadors decided to reject the alternative, favoured earlier by Washing-ton, of a rapid reaction force based outside the region, in Hungary or on ships in the Adriatic Sea.

"If the Americans were still tempted by this option they did not argue for it at this meeting," one diplo-mat said. "They just asked for a bit more time."

Gen Joulwan is expected to receive instructions next Monday to prepare a detailed operational plan for a multinational follow-on force of about 30,000 troops

However, final political approval for the force is dependent on a new United Nations security council resolution to extend the units will be involved, and peacekeeping mandate they will be commanded which will expire on December 20.

The non-Nato members of the I-For peacekeeping force would also have to be consulted. A series of ministerial meetings are expected to be held early next month.

60,000 troops originally committed to I-For by 33 countries have been with-

Peace troops end clashes

USLIMS and Serbs traded shots in a dispute over returning refugees in north-eastern Bosnia yesterday, a UN spokesman said. Troops from the Nato-led peace force were dispatched to restore order.

Shooting broke out in the town of Koraj when about 500 Muslims attempted to return to their homes across the boundary line established under the Dayton peace ac-

in Bosnia and a reaction drawn. By December 20 an-force of 5,000 based outside other 20,000 troops will follow, leaving the numbers necessary for the follow-on force.

However, it is expected that different military they will be commanded from different Nato headquarters.

The ambassadors had four main options from which to choose yesterday. The remaining two — to pull out altogether, or to continue with the present sized force - were quickly

Before the meeting there had been some support for an external deterrent force. The Hungarian government had been asked, and had agreed, to extend the American lease on the base from which US troops were deployed to Bosnia last

Gen Joulwan, who are gued against the proposal in Brussels yesterday. would have received strong support from the British military establishment.

But the United States general also warned ambas dors that a reduced military force, albeit fully involved on the ground, would not be able to make the same contribution as I-For has done over the past

Sacked Serb generals refuse to step down

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

WO OF the most senior Bosnian Serb military commanders are refusing to accept their dismissal Bosnian Serb military political leaders and have told Nato that they will stay at their posts.
The Bosnian Serb presi

dent, Biljana Playsic, sacked General Ratko Mladic, the wartime commander known as the "Butcher of the Bal-kans", and his general staff on Friday in an attempt to wrest control of the flercely independent Serb army.

A little-known major-general, Pero Colic, was appointed as the new army head. Nato sources said that Gen Colic had served as a major in western Bosnia during the war and the percentage the percentage that the percentage th ing the war, and the peace keeping force had had no previous dealings with him. But General Zdravko Tolimir, the sacked general's dep-

Adam Sweeting on Charles Aznavour

to Nato officers - told his opposite number there. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, that General Mladic would stay at his post. "He said he's the guy to deal with," said Major Brett Boudreau, a Nato spokesman.

Another high-ranking Serb officer, General Milan Gvero, told the Associated Press news agency that neither he. General Madic, nor General Manojlo Milovanovic — who was also dismissed on Friday - intended to step down. Gen Gvero said that they would reject any attempt to remove them. "Not a single army unit, not

a single officer, supports this move," Gen Gvero said. "A parallel central com-mand has been created ... and that is simply a dismissal of the chiefs of staff and a dan-

uty, arrived at Nato head-quarters in Sarajevo yester-day morning and — according our duties and we will try to jeopardise the interests of the Serb people." Throughout the war, the

Bosnian Serb army refused to accept control from national-lst political leaders, and looked more to their former leagues in Serbia for guid-ance and financial support. The rift puts the Nato-led peacekeeping force in an awkward position. Since it ar-

rived nearly a year ago, 1-For has refused to recognise Gen Mladic's authority because of bls indictments for war crimes, but has frequently praised his proxy, Gen Tolimir, for his readiness to com-ply with the Dayton peace

There is concern among Nato officers that the Serb split could affect the army's

His songs are riddled with heart-rending evocations of lost love, wasted lives and the bitter encroachments of age, but at least there is a little light relief to be sayoured in wacky Anglicisations like "You've got to learn to leave the table when love's no longer being served".

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Scandal feeds on Patten's silence

Support for British nationals

CERIS PATTEN, right, is privately supporting growing demands that a solution be found for 5,000 British nationals facing a

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong reports on a mystery resignation and allegations of secrets leaked to China

Chris Patten is strug-gling to hold a line of secrecy in a murky whodunit featuring allegations of secrets betrayed to China, the Order of the British Empire and a crossbow murder in

Hong Kong's elected legislature has formed a select committee to investigate and has served notice it may summon the former Conservative Party chairman to testify in a sage that has been gathering momentum since the mysterious departure in July of the colony's director of immigration, Laurence Leung.

'The government has cho-

sen to cover this whole affair in a shroud of secrecy," said Selina Chow, a member of the Legislative Council, which egan its investigation on Frito account'

After 31 years in govern-ment service, Mr Leung abruptly resigned from the immigration department for unspecified reasons" — the explanation which Mr Patten has used as a barricade against a torrent

of rumour and speculation.
"It is the tightest they've been in Government House for a long time," said a veteran official, who estimated that no more than a handful of reon here. of people in Hong Kong knew the full story. The immigration depart-

ment controls some of the most sensitive areas of government in a colony less than eight months away from Chinese rule: the issuing of travel papers and access to confiden-tial files on nationality.

N A colonial coda word day. "We have to find out if the final countdown to the day of John Le Carré, the this secrecy is justified. The government must be brought the handowr on July 1 next year. Such add the same of coninstitute's campus in January cern outside Hong Kong. After his current stop in London, Mr Patten will travel to

> the integrity of Hong Kong's immigration service and lobby for visa-free access for the territory's residents after announced in a terse state-ment on Saturday, July 6, seems to have taken even Mr Leung by surprise: he had to go back to clear his office. Nor was he given any of the tributes besitting a holder of

the OBE.

Paris and Bonn later this

week to assure the French and German governments of

there had been no change in the government's posi-tion. "I last discussed the Adding to what, in the local press and the gossip of gov-ernment corridors, has be-come an elaborate web of inissue with the Home Secre tary, Michael Howard, a

of Mr Leung's daughter | killer remain unknown, Some | ing. We have been given a | nearly four years ago. A 22-year-old student at the British Columbia. Institute of Technology, she bled to death after being hit by crossbow bolt as she walked to her car on the

a reward of C\$300,000 (£117,150), one of the largest in Canadian history, but the motive and identity of the

stateless future under Chi-

nese rule, writes Ian Black, Diplomatic Editor.

Mr Patten yesterday said

claimed the murder was a contract killing by Chinese triads, but this was never

on Mr Leung's resignation had only encouraged rumours, said Elizabeth Wong, a member of the investigating panel. "This whole thing will come out in the wash," she said. "There were wish, bits of information will

5.000, mostly of Indian origin, will receive a British National Overseas passport, which does not allow residence in Britain, though

they will not be eligible for Chinese citizenship.

very incomplete picture." Mr Leung broke months of to the South China Morning Post declaring a "clear con-science" and denying any

wrongdoing: "I can say cate-gorically that all the allega-tions which appeared in the press recently are unfounded." Among allegations cited by parliamentary privilege are

claims, all so far unsubstanti- | been summoned to appear beated, that he may have revealed to China the name of civil servants secretly holding British passports and of Chinese dissidents resident in the territory.

China's top official on Hong

Kong, Lu Ping, initially joined the chorus demanding an explanation for Mr Leung's retirement Seizing on an opportunity to needle on an opportunity to needle Mr Patten, he complained that Mr Leung had "hastily packed up his things and left in a few hours". China's curiosity quickly died. It has not uttered a public word on the matter since.

Mr Patten, an outspoken champion of open and ac-countable government, now finds himself in the embar-rassing position of being seen to defend secrecy. But there is no sign of any retreat from stonewalling.

"We are going to stick to the script," said Mr Patten's spokesman, Kerry McGlynn, The secretary of the civil service, Lam Woon-kwong, has

fore the select committee next

Mr Leung took over as director of immigration in 1989, shortly before Britain introgive 50,000 Hong Kong residents and their dependants full British passports.

Earlier this year, when tens of thousands of people mobbed immigration Tower to apply for British travel papers, Mr Patten praised Mr Leung's department for its professionalism. Asked to assess Mr Leung's career after his resig-nation, however, Mr Patten said only: "I would say that he worked for many years for the

Hong Kong government."
Mr Patten's office say the governor is under no legal ob-ligation to answer any summons by the Legislative Council. "Whether or not he goes makes no difference," say only that Leung left for personal reasons. That is what every official is going to

Jonathan Freedland in Washington reports on a softer line on the controversial Helms-Burton law

Clinton likely to hold fire on Cuba

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enerals

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tion is likely to delay once again the toughest of its anti-Cuba measures, White House sources said yesterday, as Washington's policy toward the communist the leaders of Latin America, Spain and Portugal.

signalled yesterday that when President Clinton reviews the Helms-Burton law - which punishes oversess companies with trade links to Cubs — he will extend the suspension of Title III, allowing US citizens to sue foreign companies

Burton — named after its two

holding property seized dur-ing Cuba's 1959 revolution. Mr Clinton signed Heims-

Officially, Washington is seeking proof that its foreign allies are taking their own action against Havana before it will agree to suspend Title III again. But one national security official told the Guardian yesterday he was "very cautiously optimistic" that the allies had done enough to keep the measure on ice. "We

pants at the sixth annual

Administration officials

Republican sponsors — in March, but in July froze the lawsuits' clause for six months. The waiver comes up

hope that's the direction it's heading in," he said.

The move came as partici-

A Castro supporter brandishes his photograph, taken with the late Chilean president Salvador Allende, at a rally in Santiago Photograph. Jose Agusto

yesterday. In their first such concerted action, the 23 leaders urged the US to "reconsider the application of the law, which goes against interna-tional principles".

tional principles".

Along with Washington's European allies, the Latin American countries have opposed Helms-Burton as "ex-traterritorial", seeking to imcountries. The European Union is challenging the law

Ibero-American summit in in a newly created court established condemned the law Trade Organisation. Britain has been particularly vociferous in its opposition.

Washington has appointed Stuart Bizenstat, a former ambessador to the EU and

current commerce depart-ment official, as a special en-voy to placate allied ire over the Helms-Burton affair. He faces an uphill task: he was pelted with eggs when he ar-rived in Mexico on his first Several of America's allies

had hoped a re-elected Mr With that pressure re-Clinton might soften his some observers hop stance on Cuba He had mi-might push Helms-H tially opposed Helms-Burton, only agreeing to sign it when Havana sparked a furore by shooting down two planes pitivists off the island's coast last February. Diplomats reckoned Mr

Clinton made the move to win over vocal emigré Cuban communities in the electorally crucial states of New Jer-sey and Florida, both of which he carried last week.

some observers hoped he might push Helms-Burton aside and even reconsider the 35-year-old economic embargo on Cuba. But White House sources

warned yesterday that was unlikely, and Washington would maintain its current two-track policy of cutting ties with the Cuban government, while trying to strengthen links with the Cucosen the rules on non-gov-

gious and media contacts with Havana — as it did before the February shootdown. The first gesture could be the imminent opening of a CNN Havana bureau, an-

nounced last week.
The Helms-Burton fuss continues to boost Fidel Castro.
At the summit he lashed out at "the criminal blockades by that same power that repeat-edly has invaded countries of ban people. To that end, the the region and intervened in administration hopes to the internal affairs of our

News in brief

Jordan gives Iraq \$35m helping hand

JORDAN has agreed to supply sanctions hit Iraq with \$35 million (about £22 million) worth of urgently needed goods, the state news agency Peira said. It said Jordan's trade and Industry minister, Ali Abu al-Ragheb, and his Iraqi counterpart, Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, agreed at a meeting on Sunday night for Jordan to export vegetable oil, detergents, soap and fertil-

The goods were in addition to a 1996 trade protocol under which Jordan has supplied Baghdad with \$200 million worth of food and medicine exempted from the United Nations' trade sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwaii.

Trade ministry officials declined to comment on the report yesterday, but Jordanian businessmen say Iraq has been seeking an increase of about \$50 million in next year's protocol with

Under the 1998 accord, just over \$200 million was deposited vearly in an escrow account at Jordan's Central Bank to pay Jordanian firms for exports of food and medicine to Iraq. In return, Jordan received about 70,000 barrels of low-priced Iraqi oil per day. — Reuter, Amman.

University closed after riots

THE Zambian government ordered the closure of the country's biggest university yesterday after student riots in which 17 British Airways crew members were injured. Police used tearges and batons to disperse students demonstrating against the block-

ing of a planned march to the presidential residence in opposition to plans for general elections scheduled for November 18. A student leader was arrested and several others were slightly injured in the capital, Lusaka, as police dispersed the demonstra-tors, who had planned to call on President Frederick Chiluba to reopen talks with the opposition, and possibly suspend the election until all parties agreed on rules.

The riot was the second in three days on the campus. On

Saturday, 17 BA crew members were injured when students attacked their bus with stones. Police said four were flown to South Africa for specialist treatment. — Reuter, Lusuka.

Spy row before Czech poli

THE acting director of the Czech state intelligence agency, BIS, resigned yesterday amid allegations that it spied on a cabinet minister, raising tensions in the ruling coalition days before key elections

lvo Strejcek, a government spokesman, said the prime minis-ter, Vaciav Klaus, had accepted the resignation of Stanislav Devaty, after allegations the BIS spied on the deputy prime minister, Josef Lux, and then tried to cover up its actions. Mr Devaty, a controversial protègé of Mr Klaus, resigned four days before voting begins in Senate elections, the first test of the centre-right coalition government since it lost its lower house najority six months ago. — Reaser, Progue.

Indian fishermen feared dead

HOPES are fading fast for more than 1,300 fishermen missing for five days after a cyclone devastated India's south-east coast, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state said yesterday. chief minister of Anonra Pracessi state sate yesterary.

If fears prove correct, nearly 2,000 people are likely to have been killed by the rains, 110mph winds and 10ft tidal waves, officials said. "Their fate is not known. All of them could be dead,"

Chandrababu Naidu, the chief minister, said of the missing fishermen at a press briefing. "Helicopters which flew over the Bay of Bengal could not locate them," he said. Hundreds of corpses have already washed ashore. — Reaser, Hyderabod.

Chinese revolt on taxes

INFURIATED by heavy fees, demonstrating peasants broke into government buildings and destroyed public property in south China, killing one village leader and injuring many others, a Hong Kong newspaper reported yesterday.

The revolts erupted in Oldong, Hunan province, in September after peasants discovered that city authorities had kept secret for

six months a Beijing directive to end excessive taxes, the Oriental Daily News said.

Peasants complained they were ordered to pay excessive fees, and penalised by more than 30 per cent for late payment, the paper said. Farmers reportedly claimed that their homes were raided for valuables to pay off the debts.

Several hundred peasants started the rally in Spetember, holding banners that said: "Down with corrupted officials". The protest led to revolts in neighbouring villages, and a local leader was beaten to death by angry peasants. After subsequent revolts, the authorities gave in. — AP, Hong Kong.

50,000 flee Afghan fighting

FIERCE fighting between the Islamic Taliban militia and their opponents has forced up to 50,000 people to fice their homes in north-west Afghanistan, the United Nations High Commissione.

"Around 45,000 people from small towns and villages in front-line areas in Badghis province have fied southwards to the town of Qala-i-Nau," the UNHCR said. "Another 2,000 to 3,000 people have already proceeded further south to Herat. The Talihan captured Herat, the main city in western Alghanistan, in September last

Runert Colville, a UNHCR spokesman, said 119 families, or Rupert Colville, a UNHCK spokesman, said 119 ramilies, or about 800 people, had arrived in Herat in the last 24 hours. "There are hundreds, if not thousands, of people pouring into Herat," he said, adding that it was the biggest displacement of people in western Afghanistan for many years.

He said a UN convoy of 22 trucks carrying tents, blankets and food had reached Qala-i-Nau, capital of Badghis province, yester-

day and would begin distribution today to about 25,000 people in Qala-I-Nau and other towns. — Reuter, Islamabod.

Crackdown on strike support

Andrew Meldrum in Harare

IMBABWE riot police quashed a peaceful dem-onstration in central Harare yesterday, arresting union leaders and using teargas and batons to disperse the few hundred people assembled to support the strike by doctors and nurses, now in its third week.

Morgan Tsvangirai and Isaac Matonga, the top two leaders of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions which had organised the demonstration, were arrested as they arrived to address the group at the Magistrates Court.

The union leaders, who were later released, said they had been detained to prevent them from speaking at the demonstration. Mr Tsvangirai announced that the union would call a two-day general

would can a two-day general strike starting today.

The union's national organising secretary, James Makore said: "The government has arrested our leaders and hastelly harbert are a neareful brutally broken up a peaceful demonstration. They don't ne gotiatr and they arrest us when we return to work. What else can we do?

The doctors and nurses are striking in protest at the non-payment of increased allow-ances, which they had been promised after the civil servants' strike in September. President Robert Mugabe's

government has taken an ex-tremely antagonistic stance: refusing to negotiate, sacking all workers who take part and arresting strike leaders when they go back to work.

Hospitals are effectively closed and a health crisis is cosed and a neath crisis is looming Death rates, particu-larly of small children and the elderly, are rising Public opinion largely blames the government for not resolving the dispute.

The government published ultimatums in the state-owned newspaper. Headlines announced that all strikers were fired and that expatri-ates would be hired to replace them. However, salaries for medical staff are well below

international standards. The acting minister of public service, Nathan Shamuyarira, attacked the strike during an appearance on state-owned television on Sunday night. "The organis-ers are seeking a political ob-jective," he said.

Third former leader forced to appear in S Korean trial

NA dramatic twist to the appeals of convicted for-mer South Korean presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo, the high court said yesterday it would force a third former head of state to appear. Choi Kyu-hah, a care-

taker president between the assassination of presi-dential strongman Park Chung-hee in 1979 and Chan's coup, has stub-bornly refused to heed pre-vious court orders to show up as a witness.

"Even if he is forced to

take the stand, he would not testify," his lawyer said yesterday. Prosecutors have said Chun forced Mr Choi from office as part of the puisch. Chun maintains Mr Choi, who stood down in August 1980, asked him to step in

to save the country from

death in August for mutiny and treason in connection with a 1979 coup and a massacre of demonstrators in 1980. He was also convicted of bribery. Roh was jailed for 22-and-a-half years on similar charges. — Reuter.

Burma tries to play down mob attack on Suu Kyi the attacks were "unaccept able" and urged the junta to commit itself to a timetable

Nick Comming-Bruce in Bangkok

SKNIOR Burmese offi-

Acial sought yesterday to distance the junta from attacks by a mob on the oppo-sition leader Anng San Suu Kyi's motorcade at the weekend, after the incidents drew strong condemnation from foreign governments, which Rangoon is trying to culti-vate. With the prospect of the junta coming under renewed international pressure to change, the official described the thuggery as "an act of sab-otage" which the government was investigating. Observers believe the mob was orches-

trated by the government. "If it were set up by the government, why should we pick who stood down in August 1980, asked him to step in 1980, asked him to step staged by Ms Sun Kyi's National League for Democracy.
This is unlikely, however,

Aung San Suu Kyi: Urged Enrope to impose sanctions

punish those responsible and to ensure Ms Suu Kyi's safety. John McCain, the Republican senator who met the jun-ta's powerful secretary-gen-

for drafting a new constitu-tion and holding elections. The US has banned visus for members of the junta and their families, and Congress has passed a bill authorising the president to impose economic sanctions if Ms Suu Kyi is harmed or if the junta steps up pressure on the opposition.

Japan described the incidents as "extremely regret-table" and said it would ask the junta to show restraint in its dealings with Ms Suu Kyl. The European Parliament was shown yesterday a video

eral, Lieutenant-General Pollippines, whi Khin Nyunt, yesterday, said Asean members

Diplomats in Rangoon said the incidents could not have happened without official sanction and marked a new tactic in the long campaign of intimidation of the opposition. The United States described the attacks as "extremely disturbing". It urged the junta to

One big concern for the junta is the reaction of Assan (the Association of South-East Asian Nations). Burma is seeking to become a full memare likely to add to the unease voiced by Thailand and the Philippines, which are both

taped appeal by Ms Suu Kyi

for economic sanctions. She also warned that public toler-

ance in Burma was wearing

thin and European countries should act before it was too

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Giving the game away

No cheers for Mr Heseltine's cheerleaders

also what lies at the heart of the shocking series of documents released yesterday by John Prescott, which show that Michael Heseltine tried to recruit civil servants to promote Conservative policies rather than to tell the truth about the public services.

The documents relate to a series of ministerial meetings chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister in July on improving standards in the public services. The ultimate goal of these Heseltine seminars may indeed have been, as they claim, to improve standards, an aim with which no one could possible disagree. But the true purpose of the seminars was simply to find more successful ways of selling the Government's policies towards the public sector to a sceptical public. The only standards on display in the meetings were low ones. Mr Heseltine's memorandum is candid about the problems which the Government has encountered as a result of the public's disbelief. It recognises that the public do not take the word of politicians that services are being improved. The public tend, astonishingly, to believe what those who work in the services tell them - or even, shock horror, to believe their own experiences.

The consequences are detailed in the documents published by Mr Prescott. Any sensible person who was confronted with the critical stories about the health service, local schools or the emergency services which were coming from the service providers might stop and listen to them. Being ideologists, however, the ministers at Mr Hesel-

AS a rule, what is said in private is invariably closer to the truth than what is said in public, and this is especially so with politicians. That is why private or secret political documents are almost always more illuminating than published ones. That's the essence of the David Willetts memorandum. And it is also what lies at the heart of the shock require of documents released vector. people associated with the public services who could be vigorous and attractive proponents of our policies," Mr Heseltine's memorandum observes. In other words, let's find some puppets.

Yet the greatest admission is yet to come. "Concepts such as improving efficiency and value for money do not generate public enthusiasm," Mr Heseltine concludes. No one who has worked in the public services could possibly disagree with that. But does he then conclude that the policies which the Government has followed are flawed? Of course he does not Instead, he concludes that it is merely the presentation which is wrong. "We should present our vision in concrete terms: encouraging people to believe their own experience and talking of your doctor, your hospital', 'your local school'," the Deputy Prime Minister suggests.

Mr Heseltine's problem is that this is exactly how most people think of their local services and exactly why they dislike what the Conservatives have done to them. If "your hospital" is not doing any operations for the rest of the financial year, you don't thank the Government, you blame it. If "your local school" has not been re-equipped for years, you don't celebrate the lie that this is better value for money; you attack it. And if "your Deputy Prime Minister" cannot face the facts but insists instead on trying to disguise them with a set of carefully chosen cyphers mouthing unconvincing ideological mantras, you are rightly



But Mr Major is out of touch on working hours

last night must have sounded rather unoriginal to many, especially coming from a man facing probable electoral defeat. But it was not respect for convention which led John Major to concentrate on the economy in his speech. It was hard political judgment about the election too. As long as the argument remains focused on the moral qualities of politicians, the Conservatives, having grown familiar in government for 17 years, are always likely to fare badly. The economy, on the other hand, remains an enduring area of Tory strength and is a more crucial determinant of voting behaviour. It may not yet be Tory high-ground as it was in the past. But it is one of the better bits of ground that they have got. The poll gap is narrowing on the issue. Like President Clinton, Mr Major believes that the election is still about the economy, and who is to say that he is not right?

The headline-grabbing part of the speech was its sabre-rattling over Europe. Hours before the Government is expected to lose today's European court judgment on working hours, Mr Major threatened once again to deadlock next year's inter-governmental empted from the social protections

WITH its familiar recitation of the again behind a Thatcherite approach Government's economic achievements, which combines hostility to Europe the Prime Minister's Guildhall speech with hostility to social regulation. This will go down well with many Conservatives, but it is out of touch with majority opinion in this country. Most people rightly support controls over working conditions. They don't want to be forced to work excessive hours. They may or may not like the European Union very much, but they undoubtedly like what it is trying to do in this field. Mr Major may find that threats of this kind against the EU are not as popular with the public at large as they are with Tory ideologues and activists. They will certainly exasperate the other European member states. Mr Major deserves no

Yet, in the longer term, he is surely right to believe that the Conservatives' best chance of winning the election lies in concentrating on the economy. There is method in this choice of priorities. With Labour offering few radical alternatives, as Gordon Brown went out of his way to underline at the CBI yester day, Mr Major is particularly well placed to command the argument. In many areas of the country, people no longer feel themselves under the economic cosh as they once did. The sense that, in spite of everything else, the conference unless Britain can be ex- Tories have got the economy right and that this matters more than anything is which the European Union is now try- the Government's strongest card with ing to establish as a counterweight to many voters. Whether it is strong the single market. By doing this he enough to win them the election is clearly hopes to rally his party yet another question altogether.

credit on either count.

Enough is not enough

Distribution is the key to world hunger

THE PARADOX facing the World Food | world, it is the poor who go hungry" — Summit in Rome this week is no less | never the rich. The World Development grim for being very familiar. At an aggregate level, the world still has Many dine in comfort. Others continue to get by. And a large minority (800) million) struggle for food in overcrowded slums, on impoverished soils, often amidst an abundance which they cannot afford. Africa has the highest proportion of the chronically undernourished (41 per cent). But Asia, in spite of its "miracles", still has the highest number — over half a billion.

A host of non-governmental agencies have issued briefings for Rome; they all Development Studies at Sussex University puts the problem succinctly. Cases

Movement points out that even in the US an estimated 30 million people sufenough to eat. But individual people do | fer from malnutrition. The global food not eat around an aggregate table. market, dominated by a few giant corporations, makes matters worse. Dependence on food imports creates rural unemployment and insecurity. Food aid is diminishing as the market takes over. A Panos Briefing warns that companies will only release food "in response to price opportunities, not need." The Rome conference is already being written off as a "talking shop". In spite of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's efforts, no new money is expected to be generated. Of the G7, make compelling sense. The Institute of | only the host country, Italy, is sending a senior figure. The crisis in Zaire will not be directly addressed. Please, just of genuine food shortage (after floods in | for once, could the world's leaders sur-South Asia or civil wars in central prise us by taking seriously what Africa) are relatively rare. "All over the remains the world's biggest shame?



Letters to the Editor

The Lords a-leaping

OUR article (Blair to scrap Lords reform, November 9) mentions the Salisbury Convention, which states that Conservative peers would not use their in-built majority in the House of Lords to block or defeat measures which are contained in the Labour Party election manifesto.

Where we debated reform of the House of Lords in July, put a specific question regarding the Salisbury Con-vention, which was not answered by Lord Strathclyde the Government Chief Whip, when he replied to the debate. I then wrote to Lord Strath-

ciyde asking for an assurance that, if a proposal to abolish the hereditary right to sit and vote was in the Labour Party manifesto and a Bill to put this into effect received the consent of the Commons, the Conservative Opposition in the Lords would undertake not to thwart such a measure. Lord Strathclyde replied that a Conservative Opposi-tion in the Lords would observe the Salisbury Convention. Such an assurance could not have been given without the express authority of the Leader of the House, Lord

London SWLA GAAL

HE great beauty of the British constitution is that it does not exist. There are conventions for the way we are governed to be followed or adapted, according to the eds of the time. Th point in asking the House of Lords to agree to its own reform or abolition. All that is necessary is a majority in the Commons for a Bill that declares that the House of Lords is abolished and all its egislative powers transferred to the House of Commons. If it were decided that there

ere a need for some second legislative chamber, a Bill passed by the House of Commons would be sufficient to create it and define its composition and powers. (Dr) Anthony Matthew. 8 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester LE2 3AH.

F Tony Blair really thinks that deferring the abolition of hereditary peers' voting rights will help him get the rest of his proposed constitutional reforms through the House of Lords, he must have taken complete leave of his

Hereditary peers, now faced with only a vague future threat instead of a definite commitment, are more likely to conclude that if Blair can so easily abandon one reform. then he can eventually be forced to abandon others as well, and so redouble efforts to frustrate and delay devolution and a Bill of Rights. Joseph Nicholas. 15 Jansons Road, London N15 4JU.

Branded

SUSPENDING the self-pro-claimed "scientific racist" Chris Brand (Lecturer in race row suspended for defending paedophile sex, November 9), Edinburgh University said: "We have no truck with the condoning of paedophile acts which trangress laws designed to protect minors.' This is illogical. Since when

has being a university lec-turer meant that one's personal views must coincide with the university's? The consequence of such a policy or atmosphere can only be to inhibit original thinking, Academics should be judged on the quality of their research and teaching, not on the conduct of their personal life or

Peter Martin Oriel College, Oxford. Chris Harding. St Bennet's Hall, Oxford.

Our depraved censors

tions Act, when allowed to be enacted, seeks to tend to deprave and corrupt", presumably the logic being that people who have become depraved and corrupted are now evil, and threats to society.
Given that so many news

paper reviewers have described the film Crash as "depraved" (Crash movie on "auto erotic" collision course, November 9), are we to under-stand that they themselves have become "depraved and corrupted". Are they going. as dutiful citizens, to report to their local police stations, or remain walking the streets, smug in the self-knowledge that they are above depravity although others must be

protected from it? Are this country's newspapers going to continue their hypocritical stance of calling for increased censorship of other media — such as film, television, and the Internet whilst still resisting calls to one would force me to buy a restrict their own ability to ticket and, if I found it disprimulgate the sleaze of Page tasteful, I would not be 3, of harassment of the royal obliged to remain in the cin-

family and other public fig. ema. Crash may not be a film ures, and of the demonising of that Paul Dacre would wish innocent members of the public, whose only crime is to share the same hobby as the latest nutcase to go on the

rampage?
Some people are upset by images of people actually enjoying sex, but there is a much cliched solution to this problem - if you don't like it, then don't go and see it. Simon Gray. 7 Mossfield Road Birmingham B14 7JE.

AM incandescent with rage that the Daily Mail or Mary Whitehouse should believe they have any right to influence what I may or may not be permitted to watch. On what possible basis do they presume to do so?

J G Ballard is a writer of

established reputation and if David Cronenberg has broken no laws in making a film of his book, Crash, who but I can make a rational decision whether or not to see it? No

WHY DOESN'T VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY BAN REAL



though it have their own they might have their own views) but I'm damned if I can see why his particular hang-ups should have any bearing upon my own freedom of it's high time those who seek to impose such risible censorship were exposed to the dismissive contempt they

his wife or servants to see (al-

though if they were consulted

Still hot for British Gas

As another victim of a Brit-lish Gas service contract (Letters, November 9), might I

(Letters, November 9), might I suggest that, rather than simply belabouring Eritish Gas, we might draw conclusions for the future.

British Gas, in the name of "efficiency" (le cost-cutting), has sacked so many of its workforce that it is unable to do the job it is paid for. We may conclude that "efficiency" is not efficient. For

ciency" is not efficient. For the future, we may conclude that we should nover again privatise a natural monopoly. We may also wonder

whether Labour's propose windfall tax, by increasing the pressure on British Gas to cut

costs, might make the lot of

SERVICING boilers is not the only example of a stinking British Gas. Try tele-

phoning them when you sus-

Out will come their engi

neer to sort it out. Well, not quite — to switch off the sup-

ply more like. It is usaless to protest that this is your only

source of heat and fuel: the answer will be, "Tough, not

my job, but here's another number to ring." Some days later, the new firm arrives,

sorts out the problem and

charges for call-out and fixing.

The only problem is that it's

not such a new firm, but yet

live minutes to switch off and

15 minutes to fix the problem

Does the phrase "rip-off

AFTER two weeks' frustra-

computer error and arrange my central-heating service by

expiry date, I wrote to the Glasgow office of British Gas as a last resort. This resulted

in a letter from Staines begin-

ning: "One of the many valu-able features of your service

contract is the annual check
..." although I did get a visit
on the very last day of the con-

tract, 15 months after the last

Perhaps southern-counties

customers should make our

point by switching to one of

phone before the contract

spring to mind? G M Cox. 48 Strathdon Drive,

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gas consumers even than it is already: Earl Russell.

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pect a gas leak.

deserve. David Marshall. 10 Park Avenue, London N22 4EX

WHEN there is the danger of mere representations of excessive violence and unacceptable behaviour, the Government, in the form of Virginia Bottomley, soars into action to prevent them no anguishing over the defini-tion and application of terms such as "violence" and "unacceptable". Yet when it comes to the reality of violence and unacceptable behaviour through combat knifes to the export of "tools" to repressive regimes — a certain shyness takes over. Any explanation? The Mount, London NW3 6SZ.

things in life these days, but hypocrisy will always remain. Virginia Bottomley does not want us to see David Cronenberg's film, but pre-sumably she will take the party whip in the vote to cane schoolchildren. Richard Pontet.

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French lessons for Mr Major EVIDENTLY the French government has lost its

JOHN Majors remains about France OHN Major's remarks in | and Britain (Major crows over "paralysed" France, No-vember 8) convey a sneering sense of superiority.

In fact, the majority of the French supported the recent strikes in the public sector, and the fundamental right to strike is something of which the French are proud rather than ashamed. The French authorities are genuinely scared when the people take to the streets, and this is a good thing. Theirs is a powerful means of dialogue with

their government.
In general, the French believe in their state services and that everyone has the right to a proper education, to adequate health treatment, to a certain wage and so on. As these revolutionary things do not come for free and are certainly not generated by markets, they accept taxes and social charges as part and parcel of a better life.

YOUR case against intro-ducing charges to the Brit-ish Museum (Leader, Novem-ber 8) is based on dubious

grounds. One argument you make is that attendances will

fall, citing figures for the Vic-toria & Albert and Natural

History museums. However,

have we any accurate mea-sure of attendances for these

institutions in pre-charge days, and for the British Mu-

seum today, and, if so, how are

I suggest that no such accurate measures exists. And

even if it could be shown that

attendances will fail, this may be compensated for by an in-

rease in the duration of

A variation of the falling at-

tendance argument is that

charges may lead to a dispro-portionate fall in attendance

they arrived at?

visits

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grip over French companies investing in Britain (French "poised to invade Britain", November 8). On an earlier occasion, in 1932-3, following the devaluation of starling and the introduction of tar-iffs, about 300 continental European companies estab-lished UK factories. But French businessmen received an official report pointing out the difficulties of setting up production in the UK. Among the many disadvantages, including the likely ap-

preciation of the pound, they were warned that they would not get the same intellectual or material value from their employees as they are accustomed to in France." Perhaps they took note, for French companies were conspicuously underrepresented among the new arrivals. Tim Rooth.

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balance of evidence does no

however, support this conten-tion; in the case of the Mu-seum of London, the opposite effect was observed, with an

improvement in the socio-eco-

nomic composition of attend-

ees taking place following the introduction of charges.

Besides, it is a myth to suggest that zero admission charges bring about an even distribution in attendance

across income classes, as all of

the available evidence sug-

gests that museum attendance

is predominantly undertaken

The introduction of fre-

quent-user tickets and the pro-

vision of charge-free days (or

hours) would overcome al-

most all substantive argu-

ments against charges. (Prof.) John O'Hagan.

Department of Economics

by the higher-income groups.

A foggy day in London town

by lower-income groups. The Trinity College, Dublin 2.

Election fever

DAVID Denver (Letters, November 7) makes allegations about the BBC's coverage of the US elections that cannot be ignored. The BBC has not relied solely on the US networks for election-night coverage for 12 years. Last Tuesday, we made use of ABC's programme only when we thought it relevant to an

Mr Denver alleges that the Americans in the audience?

results service was inade-quate. We made not one error

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studio audience was not "rep-resentative" because there were no black guests. Did he not see the long interview with Joe Madison, an African American and civil-rights campaigner or the discussion Finally, he claims that our

in our coverage. Andrew Thompson. Editor, US Election Special.

another part of British Gas. On querying the charge — over £50 — with British Gas, it appears that their engineers are "supposed" not to charge if the problem can be sorted out in less than half and hour. Total time on this occasion:

international audience.

BBC News & Current Affairs.

the new suppliers currently woolng us. May F Jones. 44 Chichester Road.

A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: The weather during the first few days of No. | was an ideal site for it. But ember was quite exceptional vith clear sky, bright sunshine, temperatures up into the 60s, and this led to some unexpected late records of late record was perhaps not dragonflies and butterflies. so unusual given the weather On one day, at the western end of the valley, where the river slows down to a mean-der, I watched two Common Darter dragonflies phasing each other over a muddy stretch of the embankment as files enjoying these unseatif it was a summer's day sonal temperatures were hi-Some hundred yards further on, I was even more surprised to see a pair of the same species flying upstream locked together and obviously attempting to mate. Two days later, on the common, I found our smallest dragonfly — the Black Darter — resting on a reed stem at the side of the lake. This species has a very specific habitat requirement. and the common, with several small, acidic, boggy pools sur-

this was my only sighting of the year, which led me to think it may well have been a wandering individual. This late record was perhaps not conditions and the fact that it was only five days later than the October 29 date quoted in Dragontiles and Butterfiles of Cheshire, by R Gabb and D Kitching (1992.) The butterbernating species - two small tortoishells and a peacock feeding on Michaelmas daisies near the old brickworks, building up their reserves for the long sleen ahead. During the last fev days, Red Admirals have been regular visitors to the overripe fruit on a plum tree in a neighbour's garden, but they are not likely to survive a

J M THOMPSON

John Duncan

HOSE of us alarmed at the late arrival of this month's Labour Party magazine, New Labour, New Britain, can finally relax. The delay in delivery is due to a small, hardly relevant. printing error which the party felt necessitated pulp-ing the whole run (perfectionists that they are). In the section entitled "My values for a better Britain" Labour leader Tony Blair pledges "decreased power to Scotland, Wales and the regions with the consent of the people". Right on, Tony. Stiff the Jocks, welch on the Welsh, snip the Celtic fringe . . . Sadly it was a misprint and should have read "devolved power to Scotland, Wales and the regions with the consent of

ETERAN Mexican cabaret singer Astrid Hadad is not a woman to be messed with Like, it seems, all the great Latin artistes, she has two male "personal assistants" who cater for her every need and are known on the The Two Humbertos, Sra Hadad is currently on tour over here and played the South Bank at the weekend; yesterday she was on her way to Belfast. The Two Humbertos, however, are spending the evening enteraining Heathrow police, having been detained by anti-terrorist officers for rather insensitively trying to get two guns — replicas which fire blanks and are, you understand, part of Sra Hadad's act - into Northern Ireland.

Hadad, though, was actually rather sanguine about her treatment by customs. arms meant they were lenient on her alcohol allowance and the 10 cases of tequila which accompany her everywhere were spared. "They may have got my guns and my boys but they'll never get my tequila," she said. Marriage proposals to the Mexican

HE Diary has never been granted the huge budgets of other so-called newspapers, and though we have offered to pay for top serialisations. up to now the more sordid revelations and filthy exposés have eluded us. Finally, though, we have scooped our rivals. So for the next three days we will be serialising the page three ed story from last Tuesday's Lynn News, for which we have secured world

'Amputee Nicholas Sayille from South Wootton was caught with hundreds of pounds in forged £20 tes stuffed in his under pants...." (To be contin-ued tomorrow.)

T WAS fascinating to read in the Sun that Prin cess Diana has become a fan of herbal remedies. Indeed, she has become close friends with the Sydney-based herbalist Elleen Whittaker, who is quoted as saying that Diana has "a real understanding ". Well, not that real. Or she would have identified (and doubtle swiftly harvested) the nu-merous cannabis plants growing in the back garden at Kensington Palace, planted—according to the News of the World — by a chap from Battersea.

UPERB to see gorson being voted the sexiest politician in Britain in a weekend poll. De-scribed by one woman as "smooth, charming, and sort of twinkly" — a tribute that is impossible to denythe award could find no better home. Surely Mr Mandelson won't be a bachelor for much longer Understandably the Labour MP for Hartlepool, who has been the subject of personal attacks by certain ill-informed hacks in the past, was suspicion itself when first asked about the accolade, bestowed apon him by the Labour-friendly Express on Sunday, "Is this some kind of anti-Mandelson dig?" he demanded to know. Later, after returning from a Rer Sunday service in his Hartlepool constituency, the man dubbed by his few enemies as the Prince of Darkness had mellowed slightly. "I think these polls should be taken with a pinch of salt," he said. "Like perfume, they should be en-joyed but not swallowed."



Get real about job creation in Europe

Commentary

Hugo " Young

HE decision to be announced today by the European Court of Jus-tice about the 48-hour week may be largely symbolic. But the symbols it honours, whichever way it comes down, are more then theoretical. At the bottom of the judgment is an argument about the nature of work, the role of regulation, the effect of clobal compatition. the effect of global competition, the very future of European societies. In this argument, it is clear that the British Govnt, unlike so much else in its European policy, is mov-ing with the grain of reality — social and economic.

Let us clear away the static. At one level, this is a technical dispute about the nature of EU law: is it legal for the Commis-sion to impose the 48-hour-week directive under the head-ing of health and safety, thus evading the exemption Britain thought she had secured from such horrors by opting out of the social chapter provisions

at Maastricht? The answer the the rules of the single market court will give is almost cer. The directive has significourt will give is almost cer-tainly yes. If that happens, John Major has indicated he will resort to the political arena and a bust-up in Dublin, to which all who lust for blood This is not the core issue, however. And there are other distractions, deriving from the contention that this limit on working-time, and the appara-tus of holiday-laws and rest-time and night-rules that sup-

ports it, will apply only to certain workers. It can be dis-claimed by any worker who wants to. It won't affect hospial workers, prison staff, transport workers, people whose work is seasonal, and a host of others. Besides, it is already estooned with limitations, many of them negotiated by Britam long before Maastrichi. The working-time directive has been a very long time in the making. In the meantime, it has become, one might say, another weapon in the cease-less sceptic wars, and therefore worthy of a presumption in its favour. Today's outcome will be used, in particular, to advance the argument that the European Court has become a politically motivated excrescence: a proposition which overlooks with flagrant dis-

honesty how often Britain has invoked it to prevent continen-

cance beyond itself. If the court decides that working-time can be determined by majority vote (under health and sai the Commission is poised to extend it to many of the categories now exempted: as would be only logical, given the social attitudes which the EU has stubbornly stood for. Naturally, once judgment is given, a Niagara of litigation to curb the hours of workers, espe-cially in the public sector. In the trade-off between social

The EU's record on job-cre-The EU's record on job-creation is appalling. It recognises that unemployment is the greatest curse in Europe, yet esponses an ideology against labour flexibility. Between 1970 and 1992, the US economy grew by 70 per cent, the EU's by 81 per cent. Yet employment in the EU's per cent. in the US rose by 49 per cent; the EU figure was 9 per cent. Since 1992, both growth and employment in the US have shot ahead. Yet the EU's 1993 white paper, startlingly, coun-sels against the American apsels against the American approach because it would international survival. He require "the implementation, went as close as a Lebour

protection for the employed and jobs for the unemployed

unions throughout Europe have never had any doubt

where they stand.

taking on or maintaining time of full employment, is labour, eg social security preferable both socially and in-rules". For all the allions of dividually to the chronic abwords attesting to the EU's concern for unemployment, the social equality and solidarity of continental tradition bite deeper. By 1995, with the prob-lem even more acute, handwringing was still the best the to activate employment poli-cies without jeopardising high social protection standards

must be stepped up," it bleated into the utopian void.

Now, it is true that in some industries a 48-hour directive might produce some part-time work to make up for the excess hours being done by full-time employees. But as a regulatory imposition, it is part of a pat-tern that speaks for a social philosophy which threatens business, and therefore work itself, in a way that Europe cannot afford. This is a brutal thing to say. But the question that has to be asked about every EU initiative, in an era of intensely globalised competition, is whether or not it favours the kind of economic activity that increases jobs.
One person who understands this is Gordon Brown.

stants this is Gordon known. Speaking to the CBI yesterday, he gave assurances against the potentially anti-competitive features of the social chapter. He reiterated the Labour comacquisition, those dreary yet require "the implementation, on a large scale, of measures leader decently could to conincreasing the willingness of ceding that the price of labour

employers to hire workers".

This is another way of saying that the employed shall retain the benefits of productivity and the unemployed shall not be priced back into and allenation fathers a host of the productivity. work. For that would produce social calamities—is there not more inequality of wages, and a case for saying that work, might require "a reduction in all other costs associated with every condition developed in a

> sence of any work at all?
> There are interests that will contest this every inch of the way. Some of them are in Brus-sels. The Commission's coming report on competitiveness is obliged to gloss over data which suggests the possibility of a link between labour protection and unemployment. Such is the censoring ambition of the social affairs directorate and its terror of ideological challenge. On the 48-bour week, there are disagreements about the extent to which long hours do affect health and safety. Uniformity across the single market can be prayed in aid, by ignoring the self-defeat-ing absurdity of treating Greek and German labour markets as identical. Statistics to this end

can be thrown around until the cows come home. What serious people can't ignore is that the European social model is no longer well-served by rigid employment rules. Solidarity is destroyed more thoroughly by chronic memployment than by an eas-ing of social protection. This is extremely umpalatable. It was unthinkable 20 years ago. But it is not a Thatcherite plot. It doesn't simplify the work of devising EU social and economic policies, but it provides a basic of reality from privides. start. If the Government had start if the Government may stored up even a morsel of po-litical capital in Europe, the 48-hour-week argument would be one where Britain was the

Authority on changing life in our schools



John Redwood

that there is no longer enough authority. If

enough authority. If teachers, governors and councillors cannot cope with one 10-year-old boy and close a school, if 60 pupils are unruly in another, we are entitled to ask why don't more adults have authority?

We live in a world keener to stress rights than duties; to demand more rights, to claim that rights have been infringed, to say that every problem must have a legislative answer. Lobbyists demand the incompatible. They want more rights and freewant more rights and freedoms, but they nearly always want a government answer to every problem.

We have been busy extend-

ing rights to children. I am the first to agree that parents should not beat their children senseless; the parent has a duty to the child not to harm them, to feed and clothe them, to provide them, with a provide them. to provide them with a decent nome. In return, the child has duty to obey the parent. Children cannot have the same rights as adults: they are in their parents' charge. It is a nonsense to imply that they should have adult rights. They are dependent on adults. The idea of a home-school

contract puts in the management jargon of the day some-thing that should be auto-matic. Parents should ensure their children arrive at school on time, fed and rested, ready to learn. Friends, neighbours, relatives should all help. The school should be keen to establish its authority, providing a framework of discipline

Many support the return of corporal punishment as a symbol that authority is to be re-established; doing this where it has broken down will take more than such a legislative gesture — above all it requires a will to re-establish

Some are fatalistic, saying too many teachers were overturned. I was brought up home and then have children, then; my experience taught more natural authority would me that authority needed to be exerted by parents. prove it deserved respect, but it did not bring me to believe that all authority should be

swept away.

How should teachers re-establish their control? One new word in the debate which con-tains some hope is isodership. A school needs a leader. If a head is determined to rebuild a school he or she can normally do so; the assertion that authority matters can make a difference. Often schools need | be earned. That is something smartening; teachers should we as look the part and stand before anew.

the class with the confidence that comes from knowing they have a passion for their subect and a mastery of it worth passing on.
It is now conventional wisdom that teachers and schools

can succeed in richer parts of the country but have no hope in poorer parts. There is fiscal fatalism. We must beware of the copout culture, where no one in authority is to blame or can do anything to help. The theory is that children from poorer homes have no wish to succeed; the absence of books and money at home will make it impossible. Some teachers reinforce this message, letting children believe that they have no hope and letting adults believe that, without much more public money, the enterprise is doomed. This, above all mode shell-raise. enterprise is doomed. This, above all, needs challenging. There is no reason why the son of the unemployed is more likely to fail GCSEs than the son of the banker. If a home lacks books, all the more reason why school and public libraries should have a good supply and encourage a child to use them. If the home lacks a quiet place, all the more reason why the school should run a homework club. If the parents have failed through lack of education, all the more incentive for the offspring to

I can hear my readers tell me I do not understand; some of these children are brought up in a world bostile to learning. Youths in gangs do not think it cool to do homework. Parents do not encourage. The learning as a passport to a better life. I understand; but I think many more parents in inner cities want their children to do well than these blanket denunciations allow. The gangs are also schoolboys, and if there are too many gangs roaming the streets at night, it shows that the local secondary school lacks leadership, as they have not burned off their energy on the soccer pitch or been persuaded that homework is an important path to a

Bringing them up with the rod will not solve all these problems. It is going to take more teachers enthusiastic about their subjects, more schools enthusiastic about more adults accepting their responsibilities. If we went brought up in the 1960s believ-ing that authority had to be better to court, wed, make a

> year-old girl to be a mother and offer a mother's support; maybe we could offer her something better, so that she does not become a mother be-fore she is fully equipped to be one. Self-discipline is the best kind. Sensible authority favours its own replacement has his or her own standards of decency. And respect has to we as a society have to learn

A hunger for wonder

Why are we flirting with the irrational and the paranormal? Because we have an appetite for mystery, believes

Richard Dawkins. Yet true science can feed us better if we will



sion viewer who poignantly began: "I am a clarinet teacher whose only memory of science whose only memory of science et school was a long period of studying the Bunsen burner." Now, if everybody left school thinking you had to play an instrument before you could appreciate music, think how impoverished many lives

would be. Couldn't we treat science in the same way? Yes, we must have Bunsen burners for those drawn to advanced scientific practice. But perhaps the rest of us could have separate classes in science appreciation. the wonder of science, and the history of scientific ideas. Here I'd seek rapprochement

with an apparent foe of science, Simon Jenkins, former Times editor. He is sound on the unlifting qualities of science. But, eccentrically, he thinks it is not useful. He said: "I can think of very few science books I've read that I've called useful. What they've been is wonderful. They've actually made me feel that the world around me is a . . much more awesome place than I ever realised it was." As for science not being use-

ful, my worry is that it is so useful as to overshadow and distract from its inspirational and cultural value. Usually even its sternest critics concede the usefulness of science, while completely missing the wonder. Science is often said to undermine our humanity, destroy the mystery on which poetry is thought to thrive. But mysteries do not lose their poetry because they are solved. Quite the contrary. The solution often turns out more beautiful than the puzzle,

all true art and science." John | prime-time television to adver-Wheeler, one of the distin-guished elder statesmen of American physics today, says: "We will grasp the central idea of it all as so simple, so beautiful, so compelling that we will all say each to the other. 'Oh, how could it have been other-wise How could we all have been so blind for so long."
Wordsworth might have inderstood this. He wrote of a time when scientific discover

ies would become "proper ob-jects of the poet's art". Science runs the gamut from the tamalisingly surprising to the deeply strange. There is mystery in the universe, bemystery in the universe, be-guiling mystery, but it is not capricious, whimsical, frivo-lous in its changeability. The universe is an orderly place and, at a deep level, regions of it behave like other regions, times behave like other times. If you put a brick on a table it stays there unless something lawfully moves it, even if you mesmwhile forget it is there.

There is mystery but not pagic, strangeness beyond the magic, strangeness beyond the wildest imagining, but no spells or witchery, no arhi-trary miracles. Even science fiction, though it may tinker with the laws of nature, cannot abolish lawfulness itself and remain good science fiction. Since this lecture commemo rates a man whose integrity and honesty as a broadcaster is still an abiding legend 30 years after his death, I will spend a moment on the cur-rent epidemic of paranormal propaganda on tel

In one popular type of pro-gramming, conjurers come on these television performers claim genuinely supernatural ciaim genuinely supernatural powers. In others, disturbed people recount their faminises of ghosts and policregelsts. But instead of sending them off to a kindly psychiatrist, television producers eagerly hire actors to recreate their destructure. more beautiful than the puzzle, and anyway the solution uncovers deeper mystery.

Einstein was openly ruled by an aesthetic scientific muse: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of

all their acts? It really comes down to economy of explanation. Your car engine might be driven by psychokinetic energy, but if it looks, smalls and performs like a potral engine.

performs like a petrol engine, the sensible working hypothe-sis is that it is a petrol engine.

Telepathy and possession by the spirits of the dead are not

ruled out as a matter of princi-ple. There is certainly nothing

impossible about abduction by aliens in UFOs. But on

grounds of probability it should be kept as an explana-

tion of last resort. It is unparsi-

monious, demanding more

than routinely weak evidence before we should believe it.

T HAS been suggested

that if the supernatura-lists really had the pow-ers they claim, they would win the lottery

every week. They could also

win a Nobel Prize for discover-

ing physical forces hitherto unknown to science. Why do

they waste their talents doing

party turns? Let us be open-

minded, but not so open-

minded that our brains drop out. I'm not saying all such programmes should be sup-pressed, merely that the audi-

ence should be encouraged to

How do we account for the

current paranormal vogue in

the popular media? It may be

an attempt to cash in on the success of The X-Files. This is

even be grounds for encour-agement. I think the appetite for mystery, the enthusiasm for that which we do not understand, is healthy and to be fostered. It is the same appe-tite which drives the best of tise his bizarre claim to be a 2,000-year-dead physician tite which drives the best of true science, and it is an appe-tite which true science is best qualified to satisfy. Perhaps this appetite underlies the rat-How can I be so sure that this ordinary Englishman with an unlikely foreign accent was not the long-dead Paul of ings success of the paranormalists. Judes? How can I know that the "supernaturalists" are really conjurers, simply be-cause conjurers can duplicate Let me give a little piece of wonder from my own territory of evolution. You contain a trillion copies of a large, tex-

highly accurate, digital code, each copy as voluminous as a substantial book. I am talking of the DNA in your cells. Textbooks describe DNA as a blueprint for a body. It is better seen as a recipe for making a body. But I want to present it as something differ-ent again. The DNA in you is a coded description of ancient worlds in which your ances-tors lived DNA is the wisdom

out of the very old days.

The DNA alphabet arose at least 35 million centuries ago. Since then it has not changed one jot. Not just the alphabet — the dictionary of 64 basic words and their meanings is the same in modern bacteria and in us. Yet the common inherited this precise and accurate dictionary lived at least 35 million centuries ago.

What does change is the long programs that natural selection has written using those 64 basic words. The message that have come down to us are the ones that have survived millions, in some cases hundreds of millions, of generations. For every successful message that has reached the present, countless failures have fallen away like the chippings on a sculptor's floor. That is what Darwinian natural selection means. We are the descendants of a tipy elite of

tery and offers two rival kinds ing. ways of working to pass of explanation: the rational DNA on to the future. The DNA of a camel was once in the see, but it has not been there for a good 300 million years. It has spent most of recent geological history in deserts, programming bodies to withstand dust and conserve water. Like sandbluffs carved into fantastic shapes by the desert winds, camel DNA has been sculpted by survival in ancient deserts to yield mod-

If only we could read the language, the DNA of tune and starfish would have "sea" written into the text. The DNA of moles and earthworms would spell "underground". We canspen inderground. We can not read these messages yet. Maybe we never shall, for their language is indirect, as befits a recipe rather than a reversible blueprint. We are walking archives of the Afri-can Pliocene. You could spend a lifetime reading such mes-sages and die unsated by the

E ARE going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been standing in my place but who will never see the light of day outnumber know this because the set of possible people allowed by our possible people allowed b DNA so massively outnut you and I that are privileged to be here, with eyes to see where we are and brains to wonder why. There is an appetite for wonder, and isn't true science well qualified to feed it? It is often said that people

need something more in their lives than just the material world. There is a gap that must be filled. People need to feel a sense of purpose. Well, not a bad purpose would be to find out what is already here, in the material world, before concluding that you need some thing more. How much more do you want? Just study what is, and you will find it far more uplifting than anything you could imagine needing.

You do not have to be scientist in order to under stand enough science to over take your imagined need and fill that fancied gap. Science needs to be released from the

This is taken, much abbreviated. Dimbleby Lecture, Science,

Good-bye battery



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Eagle of the Establishment

eagle dominating his environment, an outstanding establishment personality of his day. Among many other prestigious ap-pointments he was ambassador to the United States, chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority and chancellor

of Reading University.

I first met Roger Makins, as he then was, in 1950 when he was a deputy under-secretary in the Foreign Office and I (20 years younger) was private secretary to Sir William Strang, the permanent under-secretary. Makins seemed a formidable, and to me, some-what intimidating figure. much liked and trusted by the

OGER Sherfield, Bevin, Makins was one of a him he was already an impor-who has died aged brilliant triumvirate of dep-tant and influential senior uty under secretaries under official, having won the high Strang, with Gladwyn Jebb and Harold Caccia.

Makins would come dashing down from his room on the first floor to see Strang on the ground floor in that famous north-west corner of the Foreign Office, before leaping up the stairs again to see the Secretary of State about the latest crisis.

Makins had had a fine aca-

demic career. He was a scholar of Winchester and Christ Church, Oxford, and was elected a fellow of All was elected a reliow of All Souls in 1925. He passed Foreign Office examinations in 1928 and quickly became outstanding among a glittering group of young men who entered the service in those years. By the time I first met (1960-64).

official, having won the high regard of Harold Macmillan and General Eisenhower during the war and now enjoying the confidence of Bevin.

In 1952, he went as ambassador to the United States and had a great success there -helped no doubt by his close acquaintance with Eisen-hower, who had by then become President. He left Washington in 1956 on the eve of the Suez expedition about which (amazingly enough) he had been kept in ignorance. He was then appointed joint permanent secretary of the Treasury where he spent three years and ended his full-time career in govern-ment service as chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority

Makins was notable both for his intellectual grasp of the essential points of any prob-lem and for his forcefulness and effectiveness in advocating a policy or carrying it out when agreed.

Originally a historian, he held his own with scientists and economists without diffi-culty. He was quick and decisive in transacting govern-ment business, and instinctively seized on the key questions rapidly, thinking out what was the most practical and feasible way of deal-ing with them. Having mas-tered a mass of technical detail he would put his recommendations before ministers in a lucid and persuasive

He married Alice, daughter of the Honourable Dwight

herited a substantial fortune, including a collection of pre-Raphaelite pictures to which he added considerably. In-deed he was something of a grandee, keeping up — until quite recently — a stzeable property at Sherfield on Lodden near Basingstoke. He had two sons and three daughters,

Makins was created Lord Sherfield in 1964, one of the last of the hereditary peeration" as he used to explain think, he was quite assiduous in attending to his duties in the House of Lords, but latterly less so.

chairman of the Hill Samuel Group and director of a number of other companies in the City, and served later in his retirement as warden of Win-chester College and chairman of the governors of imperial

party took the form of a dance and in the same week he attended a dinner in his honour at All Souls, Oxford, before flying off to the US to celebrate further with with his characteristically ex- his friends there. He shot plosive laugh. At first, I and gardened with skill and energy until quite recently. and drove a powerful motorcar.

However, he had many other interests after his always very up-to-date with retirement from full-time gov-

As a government official, Davis, in 1934 Makins had in ernment service. He was mation as well as gossip. He the deafness that had afflicted him for several years. I recall ago he came up to a group of his former juniors in the foreign service (none of us under 70) with the words: "Well He was also very active socially. His 90th birthday boys, what have you all been up to?" None of us could claim to be doing more than

> stride off to the Underground chauffeur-driven limousine. I do not think that Roger Sherfield published anything by way of memoirs but recently he was writing some kind of record of his experiences and I suppose this may be published in due course. He had had a career

Sherfield . . . decisive

which involved him in impor-tant events and afforded intimate contacts with world

He himself played a not insignificant part in constructing such institutions as Nato and OECD, which have proved solid bulwarks of the wastern world. His memoirs, if not too discreet, could be of absorbing interest, He was a nowarful and attractive powerful and attractive

Aim Campbel

Lord Sherfield (Roger Makins),

Patience Edney

Great exit for a fighter

ATTENCE Edney, died aged 85 in the way she She had been celebrating, in Spain the lives of those who like herself, were affiliated to the International Brigade which fought for the Republic against General Franco's fascists in the Spanish Civil War 60 years ago. She never changed her view that Communism was the best way of tackling poverty, and devoted herself to assuaging the difference between her own relatively privileged background and the suffering

she saw as a nurse.
Patience Darton was the daughter of a book publisher from a Quaker family and of a mother descended from scions of the Church and the gentry. Trained at University College Hospital, she worked in midwifery around Wool-wich Arsenal and never forgot the poverty and misery she found there: like the mother of seven children who knew she was dying and feared how her children would fare after her death. She was also incensed at the which nurses were subjected out of an annual income of £18, she had to pay two guin ess for her exams. At the end of her training she announced she was off to Spain: the hos-pital authorities told her it was just self-indulgence. Via the Labour-supporting Daily Herald and the liberal News Chronicle, she tracked down a committee sending nurses to the Republicans. She was sent out at two days notice to Brigade leader and stayed on for two years. Tough times: they had to live in caves to

escape the bombing. She was furious when she was returned to this country by order of the British gov ernment, but accepted offers to lecture on her experience to the Women's Institute. She was asked to avoid politics but worked the subject into her answers to questions.

The London County Council gave her a job investigat-ing conditions in the older London hospitals. Staff who tried to freeze her out, failed to notice the set of her chin and her voice which could, it seemed, cut through steel.



in improving conditions.

She joined the Communist Party in 1939, and it found her a job running the Czech refugee fund health service for refugees pouring into Britain from or through Czechoslovakia. She was outraged when the government seemed about to hand over 25 million of Czech gold held in London to the Nazi invaders and was relieved when a public outcry diverted half the money to the

At the beginning of the second world war, Patience worked for an electronics firm exploring radar. She later worked for United Nations Relief and for the farleft MP John Platts-Mills. In 1955, she married Eric Edney, a Communist Party official and they had one son. She spent some years in China, as a translator and got out, with her child, just before the Cultural Revolution.

Even in her eighties and widowed, her memories remained vividly detailed and

es | she was unusually deft at | extraordinary feeling," was | dealing with young children | how she recounted her expedealing with young children and people with problems who she never patronised Her eyes glazed over if she her political views. She might or might not manage a piercingly crisp, "No!" before changing the subject.

Shen Liknaitzky writes: When Patience Edney returned to Spain she had come full circle since that farewell to the brigades in Barcelona in November 1938 Then she had watched La Pasionaria deliver her address — "You are history. You are legend" — imploring the Brigaders to return "when the clive tree of peace puts forth its leaves again." Patience did return, 60 years later, for the first time; like her friends and fellow Brigaders from England, she had come home. riences in Spain to the jour nalists and researchers who visited her basement flat by the railway in Camden Town. She cheerfully complained about all the atten-tion — but was always generous. She was a modern woman. She served alongside the men on the committee that ran the affairs of the veteran volunteers. wearing

the same black beret. When young in Spain she had been escorted by Hemingway, who was interested she said, in English girls She found him amusing — "he spoke like he wrote — in jerks". But she was not in awe of him.

Among her most poignan stories were those of the cave by the River Ebro where a field hospital had been set up. Because of intense fighting in a final, ferocious battle, they had to wait for the cover of darkness to bring the wounded in and often it would lutionary war - it was an be too late. She would never

forget two Finnish boys, both badly wounded in the chest "They were in great misery, but nobody could speak Finnish. They took about three days to die. We couldn't talk to them other than be loving to them."

The night before she died, Patience went to the high point of the homage week to the Brigadistas. This was a concert in Madrid's Palace of Sports — the stadium resounding with the cheering, chanting, and singing of thousands of people and — to the delight of at least 400 old Brigaders.
She shared in the extraor-

dinary atmosphere of emo-tional public adulation. With tears streaming down their faces, the Brigaders were being offered a recognition few of them could ever have dreamed about - making up for decades of official rancour and neglect back home.

Patience Edney, nurse and Communist, born August 27, 1911; died November 6, 1996

John Stachniewski

Giving life to literature

tumour aged 42, was a scholar and literary critic with an international reputation, whose book The Persecutory imagination will become compulsory reading for any-one seriously interested in 17th-century literature and thought. His published writings are an example of all that is best in modern scholarship. Yet John was also at his best organising conferences, such as the one he chaired on the relationship between English in school and universities, or when serving as a Labour Party nominee governor of an

inner-city primary school.

He was educated at Stamford School in Lincolnshire, before gaining a first-class honours degree and, in 1986, his doctorate at St John's Col-lege, Oxford. Since 1978, he taught English at the Univerity of Manchester where he hecame senior lecturer. John's talent and diligence as a teacher shone out. His fertile mind was coupled with a wit, and an exceptional fluency of expression, which made his delight in literature and in ideas infectious.

researches involved ideas that can terrify and literature that wrestles with despair. He investigated that 17th-century English Calvin-ism which posited a God who

been born to eternal damna-tion and the refinement that left them with no decipherable signs through which to discover their fate. Could such fundamental

ism have quickened the intelligence of poets like Shakespeare, Donne and Milton, generating much that makes their literature so potent? Might it have been so widely

disseminated that it infil-

trated mainstream popular culture? John Stachniewski probed these possibilities in a series of elegant essays, in his forth-coming edition of John Bunyan's Grace Abounding and

above all in the magisterial

OHN Stachniewski, who condemned countless human English Puritanism and the has died of a brain beings before they had even Literature of Religious Despair. Reviewers declared it even-handed, yet bold. It is essential reading for early modern literature specialists and yet also a valuable resource for relatively inex-

perienced students. At a time when the university system was threatened by government action and public apathy, John made a crucial contribution in the struggle to maintain academic stanthrough which the academy helps to keep society civilised. He was a voice of national importance in the Association of University Teachers, and he was an exemplary member of the council for university English's

steering committee. chester colleagues voted unanimously that he became our next head of department. None of us could have ex-pected that he would face an incurable tumour with such unwavering valour and still focus, with characteristic generosity, on the feelings of others. He is survived by his wife losuns and two young children, Jeannie and Adam.

David Pirle

John Stachniewski, scholar and

an open cheque to acquire it but Sid would never sell.

Recently he had been cured

of cancer and returned five

years ago to live and drink in Colwyn Bay, often with his friend, 1960s blues harmonica

player Jumping Jack Flash. He leaves his elderly mother

Sid Pye

O D PYE who has died | Sid played for many years | formed on his period snare Saged 55 was a vocalist, traditional jazz drummer, and fixer. His somewhat eccentric drumming — timing could be nonexistent and stickwork beyond comprehension — was modelled on New Orleans percussionist Sammy Penn, and Warren "Baby" Dodds.

Sid Pye grew up in north Wales and Liverpool on a diet of British New Orleans revivalism, and he was drummer with Ken Colyer's band for a period in the 1960s. Thereafter he appeared mostly with

Birthdays

Nadia Comaneci, gymnastic wright and political writer, champion, 35; Dame Peggy 7; Jennifer Page, chief exec-Fenner, Conservative MP, 74; utive, English Heritage, 52; Dr William Hayes, president, St John's College, Oxford, 66; Joe Hendron, SDLP MP, 68; Kim Hunter, film actress, 74; John Inga-mells, former director, the Wallace Collection, 62; Chris-tina Lyon, Professor of Common Law, Keele University, clan, 53; Neil Young, rock 44; Sir Ronald Millar, play-singer and guitarist, 50.

jazz festival — headlined by BB King and Lionel Hampton - he persuaded the two stars to join him for a session at the bar where he playing. Consequently the owner wiped Sid's "slate" clean, and stood drinks all night. It was the best time, Hampton said, he had had since Benny Good-

man quartet days.

Despite his often bizarre drumming, Sid Pye possessed a fine press roll — the most prized drumming rudiment in New Orleans jazz - and per-

Stefanie Powers, actress, 53

Jo Stafford, singer, 76; Sir William Sutherland, former

chief constable, Lothian and

Borders Police, 63; The Rev

Dr Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans, 85; Groven Washington Jur, jazz musi

and a son.

in bars in Switzerland. On drum which had a sparkling, one occasion at the Montreux pure tone. Buddy Rich offered

Sid Pye, drummer, born September 1, 1941; died October 24,

Death Notices

In Memoriam

ginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall

from the adminisphere are

often profoundly inappropri-

ate or irrelevant to the prob-

Grey Matter — Older, experienced business people hired

firms looking to appear more reputable and established.

Beepilepsy — The brief sel-zure people sometimes suffer

when their beepers go off, especially in vibrator mode.

Characterised by physical spasms, goody facial expressions, and stopping speech in

mid-sentence.

lems they were designed to

by young entrepreneurial

solve.

Jackdaw

Bare bard

APART from being responsible for encouraging lots of Americans to come over here ens them by letting off another firecracker), one of the charges often levelled at Shakespeare and his plays is that they're just not relevant anymore. But there are universal truths about sex, lust, love and booze in his plays that are common to us all. Not to mention a lot of fart gags and anti-French jokes to warm the cockles of our hearts. The main problem is that the bard and his works to blokes who - to put it

plainly — enjoy wearing tights. But now there's great news for less lavender scented fans of the rhyming couplet, because the soft porn Fantasy Channel is claiming him back for civilisation. Many might be inclined to

dismiss their Nude Shakespeare season as a waferthin spears season as a water time excuse to spice up the shagging action — and they'd probably be right — but the great man was partial to a little filth himself (Only in his day and age they called it ribaldry, of course.) Shakepeare would be fascinated. surely, to see how creatively such dramas as Measure For Measure, As You Like It and A Midsummer Night's

Dream are being "interpreted" by an entirely new set of players. With lines like To wank or not to wank, that is the question", and "What wind from yonder buttocks breaks?", they could do more for revival in the popularity of Elizabethan verse than Melvyn Bragg and little Kenny Branagh put together. For those who choose to remain resolutely in the Philistine

the plays are followed in the schedule by that other classi-cally-minded crowd-pleaser, Nude Table Tennis. A new Shakespeare season of Bard in the Buff, reported in

"We were fighting a revo-

Working do

IT'S 7PML You open a bottle and down your first glass in two gulps. It tastes rough as hell but you're feeling strangely nervous in your pants-skimming new frock. You're sitting ruminating with the girls about the general lack of talent, why the 16year-old work experience lad never speaks to anyone and whether the creepy late-night security man on the third floor is a serial killer.

It occurs to you that the 16year-old work experience lad is actually rather cute, in a spotty, quiet kind of way. You feel sufficiently relaxed to tell your supervi-sor that you don't think she's anyway near as uptight as people make out.
The pants-skimming frock has ridden up quite nicely

and your gusset is now in the

realm of public domain. You're telling the 16-year-old work experience lad not to be so shy, as you physically haul him on to your lap.

You study the 16-year-old work experience lad doing the Macarena — you know that this is the man you are gong to spend the rest of your life with. You're surrounded by the people you love best of all in

he entire world. You're all

going to resign tomorrow and

get jobs on cruise liners so you can travel the world ogether and meet rich men. You're in a sobbing huddle with the 16-year-old work ex-perience lad, dribbling about Mark, your first boyfriend the one true love of your life. You've gone missing.

Your friends find you in the Gents. You're resting your head on the black, plastic sea gazing blurrily into the bowl. You're in a sobbing huddle with creepy late-night secu-rity men, dribbling about the 16-year-old work experience lad — the one true love of your

You're dancing to Uptown Girl by Billy Joel (you

requested it) with the girl from the second floor who you really hate. You've never been happier. It's 2.30am and you're in a

taxi home with your mates, but you don't know that It's 7.45am. Creepy late-night security man brings you coffee in bed. You cry. Minx magazine follows the ownfall we all dread at the

Some uplift

THE ANTIDEPRESSANT clomipramine (brand name Anafranil) is giving some users an uplifting bonus: when they yawn, they have an orgasm. The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, back in 1985, said that one woman cured of her depression asked if she could continue to use the drug since she enjoyed the side-effects so much. She could even experience an oreasm by deliberately yawning. Another patient, a man, solved the "awkward and embarrass ing" problem of repeated and spontaneous climaxes by

wearing a condom all day. Ac-

cording to several research papers, some 5 per cent of users report the side effect. which has also been observed in some Prozac users — al-though for most people the drugs inhibit the ability to

reach orgasm.
If the side-effect became widespread, it could have some very interesting social consequences. People would actively search out the most boring people at parties and



attendance at academic lectures would suddenly boom. The Fortean Times giving the only reason why being de pressed might be a good thing. First reported in the Toronto

Plug and say Ping-and-Play — A new hire who doesn't need any train-

ing. Under Mouse Arrest — Getting busted for violating an online service's rule of conduct. Glazing -- Corporate-speak for sleeping with your eyes open. A popular pastime at conferences and early-morning meetings.

Egosurfing — Scanning the net, databases, print media, or research papers looking for the mention of your name. Greybar Land — The place you go while you're staring at a computer that's processing something very slowly (while you watch the grey bar creep across the screen). Open-Collar Workers — People who work at home or

Adminisphere — The rari-

fied organisational layers be-

Salmon Day — The experi-ence of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed in the end. Jargon update from the Usual Suspects listserver. Thanks to

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BAe given £1bn jet boost

Theo Waigel appears to be committed to the project, his

government has yet to offer any money in next year's bud-

get for pre-production costs.
The Australian contract

would mean production be-ginning early next year, with

the first squadron of 12 air-craft ready for trainee pilots

Australian order safeguards jobs

Celia Weston and David Fairhali

:erature

HOUSANDS of jobs at British Aerospace will be safeguarded by an estimated £1 billion
order for up to 40 Hawk
trainer jet fighters to supply the Australian air force, it emerged yesterday. Negotiations on the con-ract, which would run to

2006, are based on BAe being the preferred supplier of training aircraft to replace the Royal Australian Air Force's ageing fleet of Macchi jets, the first of which entered service in 1968.

Success would ensure that jobs at Warton, Lancashire, and Brough, Humberside.

cess for the Hawk, used by 15 air forces worldwide, to argue for the British and other governments to commit themselves to production investment in the Eurofighter

project.
The Hawk has generated about £12 billion in sales — of which £5 billion went back to the Treasury in taxes and levies — over 20 years, for an original Government investment of £1 billion.

Defence Secretary Michael Portillo is publicly committed

by January 2000, and the sup-port contract for spares, en-gines and training lasting news of the deal comes at a time of uncertainty about the future of the £40 billion Eurofighter 2000 project, a collabountil 2006. City analysts said the time finance support table would buttress BAe's

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The German g The German government is, however, facing a budgetary crisis which could delay the Arabia would end and before deliveries of the Eurolighter start of production. Although German finance minister

had begun. More than 700 Hawk aircraft have been sold, making it one of the most successful export ventures for Britain's aero-space industry. The two-seat subsonic jet trainer, easily adapted for combat missions, now dominates its market. Further orders are already

in prospect, including the po-litically sensitive sale of an additional 16 aircraft to Indonesia, where opposition politicians claim it is used to attack rebel forces in East

developed for the RAF more than 20 years ago but, to widen its export appeal, it was designed from the outset to be adapted as a light-attack aircraft or fighter.

Another large contract of by McDonnell Douglas.

chool there. The basic trainer aircraft known as the Hawk 60, was

The latest version, designated the Hawk 100, can carry bombs, air-to-air missiles and ground attack missiles. A single-seat, all-weather fighter version, the Hawk 200. is also available, equipped with a 25 mm cannon. As a naval trainer, it was bought by the US Navy, modified and

Notebook

Bank split over a Brown study



Edited by Alex Brummer

ABOUR'S tax and spending plans may still be opaque but Gordon Brown is being far less reticent in portraying himself and his party as inflation hawks. The financial spin doctors, doing their rounds at the CBI in Harrogate, have - for the first time spelled out a medium-term inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

To keep to this target, Mr
Brown proposes to reform the monetary apparatus by replacing the monthly meeting between the Bank of Eng-land Governor and the Chancellor with what he and his advisers regard as a more ro-bust framework using a broadly based monetary

This, Labour believes, will remove the bias under which a Chancellor retains the ultimate freedom to ignore the advice of Governor and press on regardless — as has been the case at least three times since Kenneth Clarke has een at the Exchequer.

Moreover, to ensure that this process is in no way corrupted, Labour plans the maxmum degree of transparency. Mr Brown's approach is not without problems. First, iven his iron commitment to the 25 per cent target, it might prove hard on occa- such as when extraneous factors like a higher oil price enter the equation — to keep to the medium-range inflation target without jeoperdising the investment target that also is part of the Labour Party's strategy. Fighting inflation can mean pushing interest rates unacceptably high, as was the case in Germany in 1992-93, when they an overhang from which the

German economy is still suffering. Secondly, it is not entirely clear that the Bank is wholly comfortable with Labour's plans. The Bank does want lieves that that might eventually come with European monetary union; however, anyons reading Eddis George's banking lecture at Loughborough University last week might come away with the impression that the present scheme of things is quite satisfactory. Mr George, who is not given to hyperbole, described the results as encouraging and emphasised volved in reaching a policy judgment — not the casual af-fair that is sometimes por-

traved. What the Governor appears to be saying is that if the sys-tem works — which the evi-dence suggests it does — why Not everyone at the Bank

agrees with this. There are some policymakers who find it frustrating that all the Bank's analysis can be jetti-

soned on the whim of the Chancellor. To this wing of the Bank the more watertight Gordon Brown process might Gordon Brown process magni-seem greatly attractive. How-ever, there is a potential in the Labour proposal for a diminution in the authority of the Governor, unless by force of experience and performance the incumbent build a credibility rivalling that of Alan Greenspan at the

Oil warning

HE first traces of the effects of higher all prices are evident from the Oc-tober producer prices data. Much of the increase in the headline rate of output prices — up 0.2 of a point on the month to 2.3 per cent on an annual basis — can be traced back to the upsurge in petroleum costs. Strip these out, as many analysis are wont to do, and it is possible to argue that the underlying trend in pro-ducer prices has barely changed for six months. If the argument is extended, the recent rise in base rate to 6

per cent was unecessary.

But, can it ever be wise to ignore trends in the oil price? It is easy to forget that the three most recent bursts of inflation to arupt around the global economy, after the 1973 Yom Kippur war, the Iranian revolution at the end of the same decade and at the time of the Gulf war, were each associated with jumps in the

The present upsurge, which has taken Brent crude prices ter last year, does not rank in historic terms. But if it is sustained and/or accom in monetary and fiscal terms it could begin to undermine inflation targets not just in the UK — which is being insulated by the petro-currency effects of a stronger pound —

It is too risky to treat as an aberration.

Hoskyns' choice

HB near 4 per cent bounce in Emap shares is as much a recognition that the boardroom squabcompany is all but over as a reward for a remarkably healthy set of results.

The efforts by dissident non-executives Professor Ken Simmonds, of the London Business School, and Joe Cooke (formerly of the Telegraph), to accuse chairman Sir John Hoskyns of bad faith over his attempt to oust them from the board are finding lit-

The last thing institutions like is to see a strongly per-forming enterprise destabllised by the non-executives— there to protect shareholders' interests. Both non-executives, who have been on the board 28 years between them, have served long enough. A slimmer, restructured board is in the best interests of all

However, having won his moral victory, Sir John should consider whether it is time to restructure his own

Futures generation . . . The boisterous Liffe exchange in the City of London fell silent for two minutes yesterday as 2,500 traders joined in the ranewed national commemoration of Armistics Day Lazards fraud case collapses

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£4 million fraud trial involving top merchant bank Lazard Brothers has collapsed after new evidence made the Crown's position "untenable". The case, investigated by City of London Police, ground to a halt when Lazards, the victim of the fraud, handed material to muhic prosecutors on Friday. public prosecutors on Friday. Full details of the extraordinary collapse have yet to emerge, and Lazards is saying little. But it is understood that the new evidence consisted of material the Crown Prosecution Service had been

evidence would for various reasons have made it impossible to proceed with the case against 37-year-old Miss Tomlinson, of Stepney, east Lon-don. There is no sign that

The trial of former Lazards | asked about the amount of man marks to two Turkish unior telex clerk Jacqueline | police and public time and bank accounts. These telexes were transmitted on Septemtigation and prosecution, and about the lack of availability of the new material at an ear

She denied conspiring to de-

ber 22, 1992, he alleged. The Crown added that by September 25, the money had been shifted into US dollars and moved to a New York bank; £750,000 had been removed in cash, he said. Mr Coban was said by the Crown to have fled to Turkey from his former home in

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. An associate, George Perrett, was arrested at Heathrow carrying £2 million of the money.

First Choice boardroom coup sees Baron resign

Pauline Springett

RANCIS Baron, the forth-right chief executive of the package holiday group First Choice, unexpectedly decided to resign yesterday, following a boardroom coup. Both sides denied there had been a showdown, but they admitted that a series of

recent rows over management style and strategy had hit relations. Mr Baron, who is understood to be in line for a pay-off of about £640,000, said: "It is a pity that these differences could not have been resolved, but there are some battles you can win and some you can't."

First Choice's chairman, Michael Julien, said Mr Baron's departure was "in no way a reflection on the group's financial position", adding that booking levels for the new trading year continued to be encouraging.

Mr Baron — a strong-willed

leader who confesses to having no patience with the



oined the troubled company in 1993 when it was known as Owners Abroad. It has since been restructured and its for tunes have improved.
However, earlier this year

the company disappointed the City with a downbeat prognosis about the 1996 summer. downgrading their annual profit forecasts and casting doubt on the company's ability to maintain its dividend.

Mr Baron is believed to

have favoured maintaining the dividend, but his col-leagues have been consider-First Choice shares closed

British Steel workers to pay the price for weak demand

OUTLOOK/Chairman insists prices are on turn, reports Chris Barrie

cost-cutting were prom-ised at British Steel yesterday as weak demand and low steel prices pushed the privatised group into a 52 per cent alump in first-half profits.

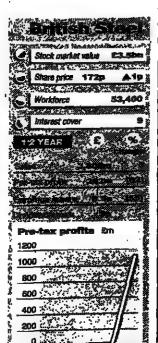
Warning that the company was in danger of losing its competitive advantage over European rivals due to the strength of the pound, chair-man and chief executive Sir Brian Moffat said there would be "some erosion" of employment at British Steel as it

sought to offset the setbacks. Speaking as the company turned in interim profits of \$262 million on £3.8 billion turnover. Sir Brian noted tha costs were denominated in sterling, with the exception of dollar-denominated materi-

To regain BS's advantage of three years ago, the group would dust off plans for restructuring and productiv ity growth. Although the chairman de-

clined to quantify the job losses, he coupled his remarks with a warning to Labour against raising busi-

Noting shadow chancellor



Designation Williams

OB losses and an accelerated programme of cost-cutting were promiting the social chapter, he said: "British Steel, in total contrast to most of our Euro ean competitors, has put in l million tonnes of extra capacity this year.

'Most of our competitors even the biggest, are still exiting businesses which they can no longer afford because of high imemployment costs." Higher costs were a threat to BS and its customers in nanväicturing

The remarks highlight BS's strengths and weaknesses since its transformation from pendent on UK manufacture to today's pic grapolin with massive overcapacity in the industry as a whole.

BS has cut 500 jobs in stx conths, taking employment to 53,400. In the early 1980s BS employed close to 200,000

people.
Although the company is moving away from commod-ity products where price presnures are intense. It can only offset adverse exchange rates by raising prices — which it can do only if European competitors raise their prices. With the pound up by 8 per cent against the German mark since early August, the company is in danger of being

queezed. There were more optimistic Sir Brian held out the hope that prices were recovering, having passed the low point of the cycle. With de-stocking coming to an end on the continent, prices structural, flat and stainless steel products

were going up.

The company has maintained a high level of capacity utilisation, and investment abroad is moving ahead. With £703 million cash in the balance sheet, the group is well placed to fund expansion in steel processing in the Asia-Pacific region, long an ambition of Sir Brian's.
Yesterday's statement included news of a £29 million

investment in a joint venture in India with Jindal Iron & Analysts had expected the

poor profits but were divided over BS's prospects of making higher prices stick. SGST said prices had bot-tomed out. But Nick Judge of NatWest said new capacity in the US and Asia meant the

outlook was not encouraging.

junior telex clerk Jacqueline Tomlinson opened at the beginning of last week at Snaresbrook crown court and had been expected to last up to three weeks. But on Friday, it collapsed after the Crown took possession of the fresh evidence for the case. A source indicated the new

don. There is no sign that anyone will now face trial had sent out two torget the alleged defrauding of lexes to banks in Zurich and lexes to banks in Zurich and Lazards of £4 million in Frankfurt, ordering the transconnected with evidence, but declined to comment further.

lier stage.
Miss Tomlinson had been accused of having belped the Turkish businessman Hu-seyin Coban and others to use the international bank-telex

fraud the bank.

Prosecutor Richard McGregor Johnson told jurors she had sent out two forged te-

Clarke 'must raise rates' Iron Maiden guru cashes in ventures for Sanctuary The idea behind the flota-

equity later. tion is to give pop music impresarios the chance to own equity and to create a com-Flotation on the AIM is pany that will be able to retain copyright rather than be forced to see its disand need international sales and distribution. The company, formed in

1992, already has joint ventures with record producers and talent scouts who have been linked with hugely successful names such as Duran Duran, the risk damaging improving ment Market, and Mr Stranglers, the Pet Shop use the company consumer confidence with Taylor and his partner, Rod Boys and Cool and the amusic back of any further interest rate about 60 per cent.

Smallwood, will retain be able to buy out the joint cord companies.

SMP is understood to represent less than a flifth of the business of the privately owned Sanctuary

raise base rates to 6 per cent showed the like for like value would only limit the size of another increase, needed "at some point" to hit the 2.5 per cent in October, compared with 5.2 per cent in Sarah Ryle ANK of England Gover-nor Eddie George in-sisted yesterday that Retailers But it said the underlying

Retailers today urge Mr Clarke to leave rates alone after their latest audit of shop Chancellor Kenneth Clarke will be forced to raise base prices suggested that the rates to guarantee his inflapick-up in consumer spending poses no threat of run-Mr George told an international meeting of central away inflation.

The British Retail Consorbankers in Basic that Mr bankers in Basle that Mr

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The Chancellor should not

rate of increase, measured on a less volatile three-month

basis, was "steady" at 6 per

Andrew Higginson, BRC

Lisa Buckingham LAN Taylor, the man

Who discovered and managed Iron Maiden, one of Britain's most successful rock bands, will coveries posched by one of share in a windfall of the music industry's lead-26 million following the flo-ers as soon as they make it tuary Music Productions, a unit of his media company, Sanctuary Group. SMP, which owns top

recording studios, is ex-pected to be valued at up to £10 million when it floats on the Alternative Invest-

expected to bring in about £3 million of additional money, most of which will be used to establish more joint ventures which provide an unusual way for executives, usually rewarded share in the financial benefits of chart success.

> Group and Mr Taylor is understood to be keen to use the company to develop a music back catalogue, a financial back-stop for re-

economic affairs committee chairman said: "Retailers are encouraged by this good per-Clarke's recent decision to tium says its sales monitor formance, but there is no sign of the 1980s-style boom thatsome commentators are talking up.

Brown talks tough in business charm offensive

Labour announces inflation target

Price rises 'to be party's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities and scotled at Mr Brown's in the coffers of the utilities held at 2½pc'

ABOUR yesterday pledged to keep in-flation at below 2.5 per cent in the me-dium term as the

by inter-party jostling for po-Europe, the economy and education and training.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, and the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, had earlier sought to undermine Labour's charm offensive

plan to hit the utilities with the windfall levy ammounted to Danegeld. "And you know the moral of that story. Once you've paid the Danes He promised to expose the "intellectual dishonesty and

industrial damage" of the tax which he said would affect every consumer of gas, elec-tricity and water and every telephone user.
To the delight of Labour. which has reaped big political returns from the excesses of

for Labour to grab.

Mr Brown gave no comfort to the CBI, which opposes the windfall levy, warning that it would be introduced as a oneoff measure to fund a back-to-Although identical to the work programme for 250,000 young imemployed people.

But he dedicated most of his speech to securing bridges built with business on infla-tion, Europe, education and infrastructure investment. The party has never spelt out its precise targets on

"Let me tell you we will not be satisfied with simply talk-ing as tough as the Tories.

that this would translate into | monetary policy to an indekeeping underlying inflation - excluding mortgages - be-

overnment's yardstick, the shadow chancellor said Labour would do better on prices than the Conserva-tives. "I know, as you know too, that inflation undermines business success, it creates instability, it harms investment and the damage it does as experience of the late 1980s show - takes years to

inflation target." Mr Brown political arena and will in principle be prepared to hand over operational control of pendent Bank of England. But it would make changes to the Bank's decision-making process and then assess its track record before moving to

full independence.

Mr Brown said the challenge of the 1990s would be to reform fundamentally "the British welfare state for new times, starting with a programme of moving the young and the long-term unem-ployed from welfare to work". He said that one in five non pensioner households had no one bringing home a wage.
"The task is nothing less than around the work ethic and op-

Labour would offer the young unemployed four op-"but not the option of staying at home on benefits and doing

nothing". Mr Heseltine gave a glow-ing assessment of the Government's economic achievements and urged business to recognise that huge opportu-nities lay shead if they con-tinued to keep faith with the Conservatives.

When I stand back and survey the industrial and commercial Britain of today. I frankly marvel at the

Patten lays

manifesto

out personal

we plan to deliver on our | terest rate decisions out of the | to rebuild the welfare state | couldn't have done it without you. But you couldn't have done it without us.

"Everything we have achieved together has been a battle fought in the teeth of unbending resistance from vested interests who put themselves first and the

country last."

Later he tried to torpedo Labour's latest concession to business on the Social Chapter — where Mr Brown promised to use Britain's veto by saying that Labour could not treat it as an a la carte

"The Social Chapter is de signed to further the interests frankly marvel at the of the trade unions. That is changes.
"We in Government it," he said.

Flak flies in No Man's Land

Simon Beavis on brewing poll wars

"HE eleventh day of the eleventh month had dawned and the eleventh hour beckoned. But in the conference, and on its frenetic fringes, it was hos-tilities as usual.

The CBI has made it clear that in this particular con-flict it wants to play Switzerland.
It has decided to remain

neutral in the run-up to the election, in the vain hope that it will steer clear of the political trench warfare that is this country's un pleasant prospect for the next six months.

The conference hall is decked out with the most sophisticated accourrements of neutrality. CBI leaders have on the traditional dark grey suits but yesterday were sporting ties of a more strident red. All in vain. The employ

ers' organisation has found itself holed up in no-man's-land with the bullets whisthing past its ears. Politi-clans want their vote desperately. And the CBI also clearly likes playing a bit land were to join in it



On guard . . . Tight-lipped Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, at the CBI conference at Harrogate yesterday

the impression of wanting to be anywhere but stuck in this mire. Who are they to deny the politicians the battle ground they love so

Agents of New Labour were parachuted in early on Sunday. They were lightly armed with briefing documents and a bit of swagger, born of the grow-ing belief that if Switzer-

Then the heavy battal ions rolled in. And the top brass. Defence Secretary Michael Portillo was on hand at breakfast to knocl down the speech which Gordon Brown was to make later in the day. Then came Michael He-

seltine, with his list of titles rattling like a breastful of medals. He tried every device to hit the rhetorical

fast and loose, while giving | would probably be on their | heights. He exalted the | as of old. Some of the force | by a film projected on two the impression of wanting | side. | wonders worked on the | had gone — but he lunged | giant acreens of a field of wonders worked on the British economy in the last 17 years — and repeated veiled pleas for business to recognise that none of this could have been achieved Viking rule. without them or, more importantly, the Governo It spurted out as if from a

well-greased Gatting gun very quickly and occasion-ally tripping over itself. His hair was chaotic, falling

down over the half moons

at Labour's windfall tax. He likened it to Danegeld a levy which, as Mr Hesel tine seemed to forget, ushered in years and years of

Just before 11 o'clock, CBI leader's checked that watches in readiness for the two-minute silence. When it came it was as

giant acreens of a field of poppies wafting silently in the breeze. It was a moment of dignity. The quiet was

coffee break, sponse Kall Kwik UK plc."

But with the CBI there is usually a bit of bathos as well. It came when the lights went up and Sir Colin Marshall, the CBI president, announced: 'And now it's time for our

ing against the interests of gar-my-neighbour HRIS Patten, former ics," he said. instead of attempting to

servative Party, yes-terday sketched out his personal manifesto for a re-entry to British politics, based on a renewed push for

global free trade, European cohesion, and deep cuts in welfare spending. Binting at ambitions to lead the Tory party, Mr Patten bol-stered his credentials with the right by insisting that only lower state spending and taxes could allow the UK to

compete with the tiger economies of the Fer East — before European views The current governor of Hong Kong said he was maintaining "compulsory radio silence" in his diplomatic role and denied that his recent ap-pearance on Radio 4's Desert leiand Discs was part of a charm offensive in advance of his return to the UK next year: But he did little to

dampen speculation about his future intentions. Asked if he would be intersted in the leadership of the Conservative Party — if the ob was available and he was an MP - Mr Patten said: This is completely a hypothetical question. But if you were to ask me whether, if my backband was better and if I got more of my first serves in, would I want to play at Wim-

bledon, my answer would be

Speaking at the Confederation of British Industry annual conference in Harro gate, he condemned "billion-aire protectionists" such as Sir James Goldsmith for act-

Western firms and consumers. "It is protectionism, not free trade, which leads to beg京と 神形 はいて 日本 かいかい かいこう

block imports from Asia, Mr Patten said the UK needed to emulate the entrepreneurial spirit, lean government ma-chines and commitment to education in the East. 'It is extremely difficult to see how we can increase growth and we can increase growth asking reduces unemployment without reducing regulation, public spending and taxes."

But Mr Patten denied a

wholesale conversion to "slash and burn" economics. Tam not calling for a return to workhouse welfare." He said the can-do culture

of Asian countries was in stark contrast to the British tendency to take potshots at people with ideas and punish success through the tax sys-tem. "There is no premium on whingeing in Asia, where people have more reason to complain. We have a habit of

confusing envy with fiscal policy," he said.
But Mr Patten said that 20 years of structural reforms to the domestic economy had improved Britain's standing Asian investors and exporters seeing the UK as a bridge to Europe.

He warned that an increasingly Euro-sceptic tings to politics could be damaging in the long-run. "Asians worry about the drift of the debate which gives the impression that we are shutting the door on Europe," he said. Investors were attracted by the UK's open economy and participation in the European

match

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Row as Monks | Politicians show that they puts unity plea know who is boss now

PLEA from John Monks, the general sec-retary of the TUC, for a new partnership between unions and employers ran into immediate trouble yes-terday when business leaders launched an attack on his support for a minimum wage. Calling for an end to an "ad-versarial" approach to em-ployee relations, Mr Monks—

the first head of the Trades Union Congress to address bosses to loin workers in pushing a new seven-point charter of demands on the next government. There are issues on which

we disagree but would not a common approach from the CBI and TUC produce a posi-tive response from whoever forms the next government?"
However, the head of the

CBI's London Region, Anthony Fuller, of the Fuller's brewing group, told Mr Monks a wage floor of 24 an hour would result in either an extra 10p on a pint in his south-east pubs or substantial

Mr Monks recognised that the social chapter and minimum wage remained conten-tious in Britain's boardrooms, but arrared that reduced employment legislation was fuel-ling job insecurity and damaging productivity.
He said the TUC and CBI

and safety and the future of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. "Recently Adair Turner Mr Turner would respond ICSI director general and I positively to the TUC olive have taken to dropping in on branch, and some delegach other," he said. CBI staff welcomed his initiative.

were already working hand in hand on a range of issues,

including training, health



confirmed that the two men had struck up a fruitful work-He urged a new coalition based on: sound macro-eco-

nomic policy; a recognition of the growing competitive challenge; an acknowledgement that Britain must be an integral part of Europe; priority for education and training; rejection of efforts to tear up the Training and Enterprise Councils; support for a strong transport infrastructure; and

a vision based on technology. Although Mr Monks was critical of firms for derecognising trade unions and said that the TUC still faced a struggle against discriminatory legislation, he said workers and bosses had to overcome a history of hostility.

"We have a common inter est in the success of our enterprises, in wealth creation and in a country whose products and services can compete with the best in the market." Despite misgivings in the audience, CBI officials said

branch, and some delegates

Speeches have

become serious business, says LARRY ELLIOTT

ily defined. The TUC provided the overture to the main parties, with the CBI bringing up the rear after the clocks went back. Not so Now, where once politi-

cians gave a perfunctory address to the annual gather-ing of bosses, they treat the occasion deadly seriously. The party speech is the time for a bit of gratuitous knockabout; that to the CBI is worth time and effort. The reason for this change

that the business agenda now defines the political mainstream. The concerns of business are the concerns of Westminster, and politicians are keen — even desperate — to secure the imprimatur of the pace setters in the boardroom. Consensus politics is not new. All parties subscribed to

the interventionist Butskellite agenda in the 1950s and 1960s; the difference then was that the consensus was slightly to the left of centre, whereas now is slightly to the right. Of course, there are differ ences, but they are ones of nu-

ance rather than basic ideol-There are spats about which bits of the Social Chapter should be governed by qualified majority voting. whether NVQs are improving the nation's skills base, the best way to stimulate investment and innovation.

terday was complete without a mention of education, just as any speech in the Wilson-Heath era required a nod to full employment.

And yet a day spent listening to the cream of British business was enough to raise serious doubts about whether the economy's future should be builded over the three parties. handed over to these people. Invited to put questions to Mr Brown after his speech, the man from Fuller's brewery asked about beer excise duties, Midlands asked whether Labour would reverse the Gov-ernment's decision and site the mingham's NBC. Very vision-

ary, very perceptive.
Admittedly, Adair Turner, the CBTs director-general, is a smart chap — a lot smarter than most of his members, on yesterday's showing. He is, as

Man from brewery asked about beer excise duties, West Midlands industrialist: queried millennium site

tant, the perfect person to be | carpet treatment as Cabinet dictating the terms of the new | ministers. This should come consensus, offering technocratic solutions to a series of micro problems. But the preoccupation with

the supply side does mean that the demand side of the equation is entirely ignored. There is no hint that supply-side change might be below or hindered by what is happening to the macro-economy, with the blithe assumption that all the politicians need to do is deliver stability and the rest will automatically follow. All yesterday lacked was the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddle George, to Larry Effott Economics Editor come along with a warning that vigilance was needed to

this omission will be rem lied today.

It will take time to assess whether the new consensus is any better at ending Britain's century of relative decline than the old Kaynerians who ran the economy for the 30 years after the war.

prevent inflation from becom-ing a problem once again. Delegates need not worry;

But what was evident yes-terday was that Labour is taken far more seriously by business than it has been for 20 years. At the CBI conference in 1996, the atmosphere was so anti-Labour in the run-up to the election that Labour's industry spokeswas confined to the very

CBI's top adays, Lacians, are given the

> as no surprise, not just be-cause the Opposition has a commanding poll lead but because the Government seems so exhausted after 17 years in

> It was telling yesterday that the three best political streeches came from men on the outside looking in — Leon Brittan, Chris Patten and Gordon Brown By contrast, even Michael Heseltine's sound-bites had a stale feel

Brittan tries to demolish Eurosceptic 'mythology'

SIR Leon Brittan yesterday threatened to shatter the Government's fragile preelection truce on Europe with an attack on Conservative Eurosceptics and a rallying cry for monetary union.
Putting the case for a more

positive approach to a single currency, the vice-president of the European Commission said that EMU would mean lower interest rates and an and to currency instability. He attacked the Tory right for spreading myths about Brussels, and stressed that it for free trade.

"Europe's single currency will be stronger than national currencies, if it is created on the right terms. The pay-off of this for business will be lower interest rates and lower infla-Sir Leon added that devalu-

ation brought no long-term benefits, adding that Britain was paying higher long-term European partners. sceptic myth about our recovery being a result of leaving the ERM. That undersells the huge, hard-fought structural changes in indus-

trial relations, in taxation in privatisation that have been the real cause of Britain's remarkable recent perfor-Sir Leon also rejected reports that monetary union would not happen by the end of the century. The prospect of EMU was forcing govern-ments to cut their budget defi-cits. "And don't believe that it

is being done by statistical fiddling. Real action is being

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Richards aiming at golden double

ORDON RICHARDS | E looks certain to play a leading hand in most of the big chases this season and the Greystoke trainer's horses feature in nearly every Ten To Follow list.

One Man is the stable star but much is expected of Addington Boy and The Grey Monk Addington Boy represents Richards in Saturday's Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham, while The Grey Monk will be out at Ayr the same afternoon in a bid to boost his Hennessy Comme

Gold Cup prospects.

Tony Dobbin, Richards's stable jockey, has elected to go to Ayr, where The Grey Monk — unbeaten in six out. ings over fences — meets Morceli, who impressed in a gallop after racing at Carlisle yesterday, and Jodami, who has been allotted top weight in the Hennessy. Richards used this event as

a preparatory race for One Man's victory in the Hen-

nessy two years ago.

The Grey Monk is 7-1
second favourite for the Hennessy (Sun Bay heads the market at 5-1) at Newbury on. November 30 and another convincing win would see those odds reduced. "He has been great at home," says Dobbin. "I won four times on him last season and I will stick with him on Saturday.

"It is difficult to compare The Grey Monk with One Man, who is obviously an exceptional horse. We hope The Grey Monk can follow in his footsteps but we will have to see how he goes. He hasn't beaten anything yet and he has got to prove himself."

Richards has yet to finalise riding arrangements for Addington Boy in the Murphy's Gold Cup, but Dobbin feels



Tail end of the Turf . . . Horse and stable staff turn their backs on the 1996 Flat racing season which ended at Folkestone yesterday

well." All the market leaders stood their ground at yester-day's five-day declaration stage for the Cheltenham

Big Matt and Challenger du Luc, who has been heavily backed since the booking of

order and he should run | the Haldon Gold Cup at | Cheltenham she would have | Exeter last week, has been left it all to do. She needs to get in Saturday's race, but Gay her jumping more together Kelleway, the mare's trainer, said she is a doubtful runner. go for an easier race before

"There is only a very slim chance she will run," said Kelleway. "David Bridgwater is very keen for her to run. Gold Cup, but Dobbin feels Richard Dunwoody for Marthat the eight-year-old will tin Pipe's gelding, are 6-1 that last run, but that was give a good account of himbell point favourites with Hill's.

Absolom's Lady, who won and to take on a big field at

go for an easier race before the King George VI Chase."

The turf Flat season closed at Folkestone yesterday, but Put Eddery, who has landed his 11th jockeys' title with 186 victories, was absent from the Kent track.

149 winners, was on hand to end his best season on a winning note with Return Of Amin in the Beewood Coaches Nursery.

The 7-I shot, who made the 600-mile round journey from James Bethell's Middleham yard, only had to be pushed out by Quinn to beat Silk St John by three lengths.

who fluished runner-up with I trainers' list in the juvenile department. The Marlbor ough man recorded his 59th two-year-old winner when Salty Behaviour battled back to beat Sous Le Nez by a head in the Doug Wood Stakes. David Harrison had the

final say in the closing Denise Macklin Handicap on 20-1 shot Tonka but earned a twoohn by three lengths. day suspension (November 22 Richard Hannon tops the and 25) for careless riding.

Sport in brief

London Marathon is trial for Athens

THE British Athletic Federation has bowed to pressure from the country's leading athletes and made the 1997 London Marathon an official trial offering automatic selection for the World Championships in Athens later in the year, urites Duncan Mackey. The first Britons in the men's and women's races on April 13 will be selected for Athens — provided they meet the qualifying criteria — following criticism that this year's event was not the Olympic trial.

Paul Evans, winner of the Chicago Marathon last month, has already indicated that he is not interested in running in Athens while several other runners have expressed reservations about competing there in the heat of August.

Redgrave in Hall of Fame

STEVE REDGRAVE and his Olympic gold-medal partner Matthew Pinsent are the first rowers to be admitted to the sport's Hall Them Pinsent are the first rowers to be admitted to the sport's Hall of Fame to be opened in Henley in 1998, writes Christopher Dodd. Redgrave, the most successful carsman this century, has collected four Olympic golds, six world titles, three Commonwealth golds and 15 Henley Royal Regatta medals since he won a junior world silver medal in 1980.

Westwood climbs rankings

ENGLAND's Lee Westwood, who finished sixth in this season's European golf rankings, has moved to a career-best world placing of 64 after winning the Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters in Japan. The 23-year-old, who won his first title by beating Americas Jeff Sluman and the Italian Costantino Rocca in a play-off, has moved up 194 places in the Sony rankings since the beginning of this year.

Lucking's luck is in

ANDREW LUCKING, a 6ft 6in Yorkshire lock who plays for the Scottish side Currie, has been included in England A's 40-man squad for tomorrow's training session alongside the senior squad at Bisham Abbey. The medical student played for the combined Edinburgh/Glasgow side against the touring Australians. England A play three matches from December 10–13 against the Argentinians, South Africa A and Queensland.

Manager's job for Bates

JEREMY BATES, the former British No. 1, is to take over from David Felgate as manager of men's national training for the Lawn Tennis Association. Bates was Britain's leading player for nearly decade before the rise of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski.

Hat-trick draw for Southgate

SOUTHGATE and East Grinstead, contenders for the National League bockey title, have been drawn to play each other in the HA Cup for the third time in recent seasons, urius Pat Rowley. Their neeting is the only all-premier clash in the fourth round on

DBAWH Anchorisms v Beeston; Blueharts v Cannock; Bournylfe v Canterbu v High Wycombe; Fareham v Lewes, Guildford v Cambe Cily; Hampster Hampton v Old Loughtonians, Herieston v St Abare; Hournelse v India Reading v Firebrands, Southgate v E Grinsfeed; Stourport v Heit; Surbleon v Taddington v Gore Court; WSN v Chelmaturd.

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2 05721 SCRAEGO VIEW (10) P Dealmont 6-71-13
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Lad. LUDLOW: 2.10 Sir Pageant; 3.40 Father Sky. SEDGEFIELD: 1.50 Shrewd John; 2.50 Final Beat. Hero beaten

DECORATED HERO, trained by John Gosden and ridden by Frankie Dettori, finished second to River Bay in the group three Prix Perth (1m) at Saint-Cloud



Australia target **Venables**

HE former England coach Terry Venables has been approached to coach another

confirmed that the governing body Soccer Australia made contact about two weeks ago and that Venables is expecting to hear from them again to discuss the job's precise parameters and terms.

The position would not require him to move to Australia but to monitor those international-class Australian players among the 150 per-forming around the world Another coach would be hased in Australia

The job would fit snugly into Venables's requirements; well-paid, influential, chal-

Rovers but is looking at a broad range of proposals that have been made to him, not just at club level but other business opportunities con-cerned with football.

Soccer Australia would not confirm any approach to Ven-ables, saying that they are speaking to a number of overseas coaches about replacing Eddie Thomson, who left three weeks ago.
The Australians, who last

reached the World Cup finals in 1974, confirmed their place as Oceania champions with a recent 11-0 thrashing of Tahi ti, but they must now come through a play-off with the

Other possible names be-lieved to have been targeted by Soccer Australia include Kenny Dalglish, the former Republic of Ireland manager lenging but not requiring him Republic of Ireland manager to move from his London base. Jack Charlton and the former The sources confirmed that Barcelona coach Johan

New verdict on Collymore today

TAN COLLYMORE will learn today if his position at Liverpool is to be further undermined by yet more disciplinary action.

During a reserve game against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday the England forappeared to swear at, journalists in Antield's press box. Collymore's display of petu

lance came only 48 hours after he had been fined a Pontins League fixture at Tranmere Rovers last week.

Liverpool's vice-chairma Peter Robinson, who did not attend Saturday's game, con-firmed yesterday that he was looking into the matter.
"We are seeking the views

of a number of people who were present before deciding if action needs to be taken, he said. "But the club has not received a single complaint from supporters who were present over the alleged

been completed Robinson will the weekend to be inter pool's manager Roy Evans, officials. who returns this morning "We ca

Switzerland.

If Collymore is deemed to have breached Liverpool's strict disciplinary code for a QPR spokesman said.

week, he faces the prospect of

another large fine.
The list of prospective Blackburn Rovers managers was expanded yesterday to ac-commodate Sven Goran Eriksson, Swedish coach of the Italian club Sampdoria. By way of an intermediary, Eriksson let it be known he would like to be considered for the post vacated last

month by Ray Harford's resignation. The Royers directors are

expected to discuss who should succeed Harford with the club's benefactor Jack Walker in the next 24 hours. Ideally Blackburn would like to have a new manager in

miership meeting with Chel-sea at Ewood Park. Blackburn's provisional short-list includes Howard Kendall, manager of Sheffield

coach Terry Venables and Bruce Rioch, QPR's assistant After his investigation has Rioch had travelled north at

discuss the affair with Liver- | viewed by Blackburn "We can categorically state after a scouting mission in that Bruce was out of the

Osman back with Cardiff

returned to management yes-terday when he took charge of

Cardiff City.
Osman, 37, made 15 League appearances for Cardiff last season and will play for the Third Division side now in an

emergency.

The former Bristol City are to play Celtic in a friendly player-manager succeeds Phil at Parkhead on November 26.

PUSSELL OSMAN, the for-mer England defender, manager at Manchester City. manager at Manchester City.
Chariton have completed
the £250,000 signing of Birmingham's defender Gary
Poole. Chris Waddle is staying with Bradford City until the end of the season after agreeing personal terms. Bobby Robson's Barcelons

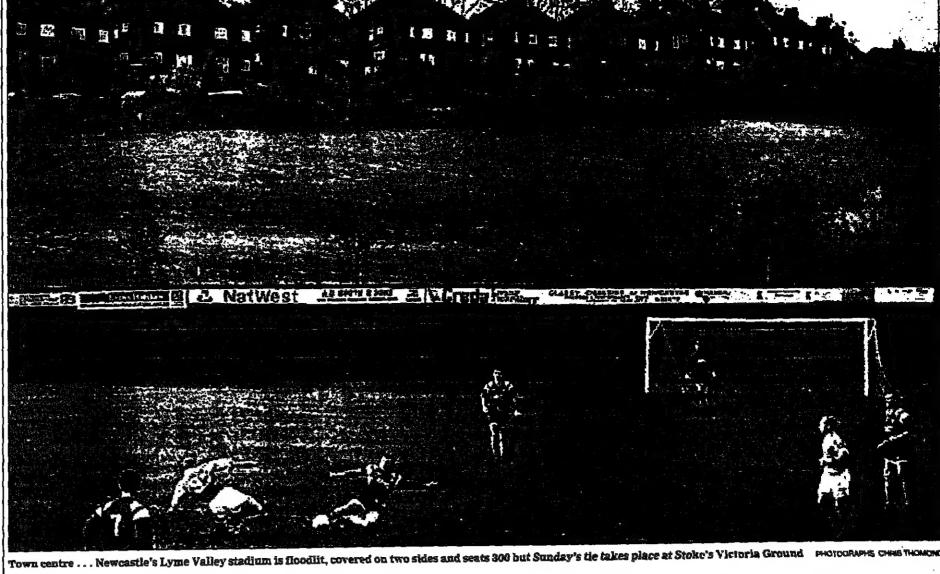
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lewcastle under no illusions

FA CUP PROFILE: Stephen Bierley visits the North West Counties side facing a tricky tie against Notts County on Sunday

yesterday morning the late autumn sun glinted on the med-Lyme pensioner as he stepped stiffly down the road to obthe two-minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th

the market stalls doing brisk pre-Christmas business, an-other old man regaled his newsagent with memories of violence of a closer hour.

"Td just drawn my pension when this young lad walks up and says thanks very much. He just snatched the money United the former England nothine

This is Middle England on a hopes that supporters of these | they get it and more, even if | League, and was with Ches- | mer Stoke favourite John, | make it one for sorrow.

gers with an awkward till. "And they've got as much chance of catching him as Town have of winning the

Cup."
The local police were not available to comment on such a comparison of odds but it seems safe to assume that, if a Newcastle gets to Wembley next May, it will not be the

Staffordshire variety.
Newcastle under Lyme stands on the lip of the Potter-ies; live here and you might support Stoke City, Port Vale or Cheshire's Crewe Alexandra. Everyone connected with Newcastle Town of the North West Counties Divisi

S THE Midland Monday. "It's wicked, me three League clubs will stand mists slowly cleared ducks," replied the news shoulder to shoulder at the yesterday morning agent, wrestling arthritic fin-Sunday and cheer them on against Notts County.

This is not a club with a huge history. Ten years ago it more than Lyme until a merger with a Sunday side, Parkway Clayton. Since then the improvement has been steady, with eyes now turned towards the Unibond League the old Northern League.

Town would have loved to have played Notts County in the Lyme Valley stadium which is floodlit, covered on two sides and seats just under 300. They need a 6,000 crowd at Stoke to make the switch

such ground barter bites an terfield when they lost to other great gobbit out of a Blyth Spartans.

"Out of 40 fixtures I would at least at this stage, is mere

have seen off three Unibond Premier sides, Winsford, Frickley and Bamber Bridge

— a sequence of victories that
has left their manager Glyn
Chamberlain singularly underwhelmed. "I think 70 per
cent of my aquad are capable
of playing at that level."
Chamberlain, who traded
his defensive league wares for

his defensive league wares for Burnley, Chesterfield and Halifax Town, became manager three years ago and has knitted together the usual non-league jumble of former pros and gifted part-timers. As a member of the Burnley ground staff he saw the Lancashire club, still a force in the land, beaten by Wimble-don, then of the Southern

one non-League club that beats a League club. I just So far Newcastle Town hope there won't be one on Saturday because then it

say there will definitely be

should be us on Sunday." One Town player who never expected to return to the Victoria Ground's home dressing-rooms is the de-fender Andy Holmes, who played several games for Stoke before a back injury put paid to the 27-year-old's pro-

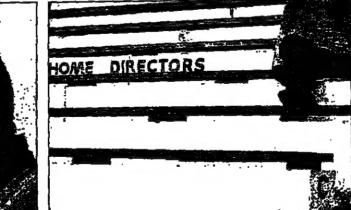
fessional League career. "We were all a bit self-con-scious after the television coverage we got before the Bamber Bridge tie in the last round. We didn't think our achievements had warranted it and it made us even more determined to win, We didn't want to fall flat on our faces."

scored against Bamber Bridge and his Dad duly provided the post-match bubbly. Both work in the family portery business although John, like so many ex-pros, has usually shied away from watching his son. This time he will make an exception. The biggest thing is not to

be 8-0 down after 27 minutes," said Chamberlain, Non-League managers will remem that last season Marine, then enjoying a spell of excellent form and results, lost 11-2 to

Shrewsbury Town. Sky almost took Sunday's match as their live game, Two more victories and a draw against Newcastle United would make a satellite dish too tasty to refuse. But first those other Magnies. Notis County, have to be overcome. In truth it seems likely that Colin Murphy's team will









Newcastle united . . . Town's manager Glyn Chamberlain; room to manoeuvre in the main stand on match day; the striker John Burndred enjoys Saturday's match against Darwen

Pressure piles on Lee as City debt hits £26m

THE pressure on Francis Lee, confronted by con-tinual takeover talk and the sudden resignation of Steve Coppell as manager, increased yesterday when it was revealed that Man-chester City lost more than E3.1 million last season and that debts have soared to £26 million. Shareholders will hear at

the annual general meeting on December 5 that the £3.168 million loss in the season City lost their Premiership status compares with a £203,759 profit the previous year.
The Maine Road debts of

£26 million, up £7 million from 12 months previously, compare with total assets

£67,000 performance-related bonus after Unit-

ed's Double season. With other perks, his total package is believed to be

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American Football

Heartbreak for 49ers as Elvis gives game away

Mark Tran in New York

A N awful blunder by Elvis Grbac, the 49ers' usually reliable reserve quarterback, handed victory to the Dallas Cowboys who arrived in San Cowboys who arrived in San | Broncos.
Francisco badly needing a | Seifert tried to shield Grbac win to keep their play-off | afterwards. "You don't like to hopes alive. This season Grbac has dep-

utised ably for Steve Young and his services were again required late in the second quarter when Young, for the second time in three weeks, retired with concussion after taking several hard knocks. But this was not to be Grbac's afternoon. He threw two interceptions, including the one that effectively cost the 49ers the game. On both occasions he unwisely tried to force the ball down the

The crucial mistake occurred late in the game, when the 49ers were leading 17-10. Under pressure he flung the ball straight to Fred Strickland, the Cowboys linebacker. A few plays later Troy Aik-man curled the ball into the

hands of the tight-end Eric Bjornson for a six-yard touchdown that tied the game with less than three minutes of

regular play left,
"The late turnover saved them," said the 19ers coach

The 49ers have now lost rivals, the Green Bay Packers | fence saved the day.

and the Cowboys. Although they are somewhat flattered by a 7-3 record, like Dallas they will still have to lift their game in order to stay ahead of the Packers, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Denver

see errors but you've got to be good enough to play through them. We can't be blaming a coach or a player for losses. They call this a football team."
"I just made a stupid mis-

take. The way I look at it. I lost the game for this team," said Grbac.

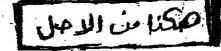
It might prove to be the reprieve that bucks up the Cowboys. In another stroke of luck the joint leaders in their NFC East division both lost. The Philadelphia Eagles went down to the Buffalo Bills 24-17 while the Washington Redskins were defeated by the Arizona Cardinals in a

37-34 overtime shoot-out.
The Cowboys are now only one game behind the Redskins and Eagles but face a tough assignment next week - the Packers.

"People want to bury us." said Tony Toibert of the Cow-boys, "but we're still in the middle of this thing."

John Elway, meanwhile, shook off the effects of a tender George Seifert. "They nau to win and they played frantic."
The Cowboys wrapped up the game with a 29-yard field the game with a 29-yard field the game with a 29-yard field off a late Chicago Bears surge to win 17-12.

The 49ers have now lost passes for 198 yards and a narrowly to their two nearest touchdown but the Denver de-



Headley makes his own name

Andy Wilson in Adelaide

EAN HEADLEY is desperate to play for England. After the Success of his father and grandfather George for the West Indies he is anxious that "people won't remember me as the Headley who didn't play Test cricket".

After his latest performance at the Adelaide Oval mance at the Adelaide Oval the England A coach Mike Gatting is confident the 26-year-old will achieve his ambition next summer against the full Australian side.

Headley bowled England A to a remarkable victory almost single-handed, taking five for 38 in the second innings to complete career-best match figures of 11 for 98 as

five for 38 in the second in-nings to complete career-best match figures of 11 for 98 as South Australia, chasing a target of 170, were beaten by 12 runs. Gatting said: "It was an exceptional performance by Dean, and good news for by Dean, and good news for England. We need another strike bowler with the Aussies coming over next year. A few guys in the Test team had better not sit on their

The Australians were also impressed. Joe Scuderi, who led their victory charge with an unbeaten half-century but eventually ran out of part-ners, added: "Headley was the best bowler in the game."

Greg Blewett will be wary of Headley if they meet in England next summer after cent delivery by the Kent player for the second time in the match by the third ball of

coach Jamie Siddons, a cen-tury-maker in the first in-nings, was then trapped lbw by a ball which nipped back sharply. And, when Adam Hollioake claimed a spectacular catch at second slip to dismiss the left-handed Ben Johnson, Headley had three for 13 and South Australia were 41 for four, James Bray-shaw having been run out by a direct hit from Michael Vaughan at cover trying to take a sharp single off his

Siddons, a notoriously parky character, was furious at his dismissal, standing his ground for several seconds siderable damage to the dressing-room. Scuderi, mean-while, received a warning from both umpires for sug-gesting to Hollioake that his

Lloyd joins call

ever, the fiercely competitive nature of the game in the middle was undermined by the absence from the South Australian side of Darren Lehmann, who had been called to Alice Springs by the Australian Cricket Board to

Australian Cricket Board to play for the Northern Territories XI in today's tour game against the West Indians.

That meant that after the wicketkeeper Tim Neilsen had fallen, caught behind to Ashley Giles with the score on 51. England A were down to the last two between to the last two batsmen capable of causing trouble, Scuderi and Brad Young. They duly did so in a sixth-wicket stand of 70. Giles then

struck again.

He bowled Gillespie with a yorker and had McIntyre Ibw next ball, giving himself a chance of his fourth hat-trick of 1996 following three this summer for Kent — a chance the locals rated as better than 50-50 against Harrity, promoted to the dizzy heights of No. 10 by the absence of Lehmann. Instead Headley had to wait almost half an hour for his chance because of the tea interval, and by that time the batsmen had changed ends

for Scuderi to deny him.
However, England could
not be denied and Giles bowled Harrity round his legs to complete a second victory over the Sheffield Shield champions in six days and send the tourists to Mount Gambier for a four-day game against the Australian Academy in excellent spirits.

150, 157.

Sewillage Headley 20-8-25; Herris
S-0-30-0; Eathsm 6-0-18-0; Gilea
14.3-3-35-3; White 8-3-13-0; Hollicake
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Registed A work by 13 runs.



In with a shout . . . Hingls sounds off during the Australian Open PHOTOGRAPH CHRIS COLE

Tennis

Ominous for Seles as Hingis humbles her in runaway win

Stephen Bierley on the unexpected demise of a formidable champion and the imminent arrival of another

Martina Hingis, still omly 16 years old, coincided significantly the decline of Monica is when the Swiss teento beat the former world 16-2, 6-0 early yesterday. This stunning upset, which to colv 52 minutes came in the world rankings. Her rise has delighted everybody — or rather almost everybody. ager beat the former world No. 16-2, 6-0 early yesterday. This stunning upset, which took only 52 minutes, came in the Bank of the West Classic final at Oakland, California. Hingis broke Sales's serve in every game except one and dropped her own serve once. She made only five unforced errors and hit 30 winners to

errors and hit 30 winners to Seles's 11.

"She blew me away today," said Seles. "She had answers for every shot I had." It was the first time Seles lost a set to love since a 6-3, 6-0 defeat to Martina Navratilova at the

1990 Virginia Silms of Washington, and only the fourth "bagel" of her career.

It was the second WTA tour title of the year for Hingis, who broke into the top 10 last month by reaching her first month by reaching her first Grand Slam semi-final. That was in the US Open, where she eliminated Jana Novotna and the third-seeded Aranixa Sanchez Vicario before losing to Stelfi Graf.

Seles won the Australian Open this year, suffering a shoulder injury in the process, and it seems that the Yu-goslav-born American will never again be the force she was before a deranged specta-tor in Hamburg stabbed her

three years ago.
On her return to competitive tennis last year the WTA chose to rank her as joint No. 1 with Graf, a position she retained until last week, but this hardly reflected their respective status and form. Graf has won three Grand Slam titles this year and com-prehensively defeated Seles in the US Open final. Last week Seles, on losing her joint No. I status, said she

was perfectly happy to be the joint No. 2 and had no real ambition to reach the top again. She will continue

everybody.

At the end of last month her doubles partner Helena Sukova, with whom she won the Wimbledon title in July, announced she was annulling the partnership, partly citing Hingis's on-court behaviour a lack of it.

Certainly Hingis is no saint

ing both tantrums and racket. but her ability far outweighs such, as yet, minor blemishes. Sukova, once a teenage prod-igy herself, makes most of her money from doubles and clearly Hingis's singles suc-cess has caused her to limit her energies. Sukova's real bone of contention was that Hingis pulled out of a doubles tournament.

Hingis's victory in Oakland followed her first WTA tour win in Filderstadt, Germany,

"I'll be in the passenger seat for the next two years," Hingis said. This may be true of the car but not the tennis. The driving seat awaits her and by this time next year Graf may have only one hand



make a huge amount of Price of fame . . . Seles feels the strain

Sunday's foes

in Olympic bid

PETER WOODS, Great Britain's Canadian coach, put his finger on the spot: "I would love a situ-

Vic Batchelder

Sauber jump the flag on Ferrari engine deal unite for GB

for Test 'table'

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LIVE LLOYD, manager of the West Indies team of the West Indies team currently touring Australia, has joined those who believe that a World Championship of Test cricket is fun-damental to the credibility of

the five-day game.
Although a limited-overs
World Cup has been competed for every four years since 1975, Sri Lanka being the curfor every four years since 1975, Sri Lanka being the current holders, there is no official means of deciding which Test side is top dog at present.

Australia, for example, bear West Indies last time they met and assumed an umofficial title. But England drew with West Indies in 1995 and then, last summer, beat India, who defeated Australia in a one-off Test in October. And where defeated Australia in a one-off Test in October. And where does this leave Pakistan and South Africa, both of whom

have had series wins over England in the past year? The Australian Cricket Board is marketing the five match series with Couriney Walsh's side as The Decider: an unofficial world champi onship. But, asks Lloyd, why unofficial when the Tests

themselves are not?
"Something should be set up where you play for the Test championship of the world," he says. "Test cricket is the thing. It is what you are known for. Nobody is known for the conditions anything in the one." for doing anything in the one-day scene. At the moment three teams think they are world champions and I find

Lloyd envisages an offi-cially sanctioned system whereby all nine Test-playing nations face each other land seventh, ahead of on-within a given time. The idea lythis winter's opponents is not new but, while many

ranged years in advance.

ous assessment in the manner of the Sony Rankings by which the world's leading golfers are defined. Countries

way and becoming defunct once a series is repeated. So, if such a table existed now and, for example, Austra-lia came to England next sum-mer and lost the Ashes, the two points from their previ-ous trip would be expunged. England would gain two and the positions in the table of

plete because England have yet to play Zimbahwe and have not met Sri Lanka at home since 1991 — would be headed not by Australia but by South Africa, with Eng-land seventh, ahead of on-

Morrison's final over forces tie

agree that such competition could belp increase the appeal of Test cricket, the logistics of the nine Test countries play-ing each other home and away in series of differing lengths in, say, a four-year period might prove difficult as some schedules are ar-

Those like Lloyd who sup-port a championship over a fixed time span would proba-bly advocate a simple points

would still play each other home and away, with points being gathered in the same

both sides would be adjusted accordingly. If Australia were to win, nothing would change.

A current table — incom-

money and control remain.

It had been feared that a range of matches for the Midlands, North, London and South-West would have to include players from lower

deal had been concluded with the Italian firm a Ferrari spokesman was deny-WAR of words broke ing such a contract. Yesterday afternoon the

Out last night between Sauber and Ferrari resterday afternoon the team owner Peter Sauber confirmed to the Swiss press that a deal had been concluded. "I am very happy with this solution," he said. "It solves our engine concerns and will V Sauber and Ferrari over claims by the Swiss-based team that Ferrari had agreed to supply them with V10 engines for the next two world champion-ship campagns. able us to work more inde-pendently in the future." Sauber were without an engine for next season after

Ford offered their services to the fledgling Stewart F1 lowed by a trenchant state-team. But within hours of their announcing that a spokesman Antonio Ghini. we will sell engines. Any Ferrari deal, coming only days after committing team. But within hours of their announcing that a spokesman Antonio Ghini.

the possible deal.
"It is true that Ferrari is evaluating the possibility of selling its technology and know-how to other people. But it doesn't mean warll sellengings." we will sell engines."

"We have been discussing | Michael Schumacher's | covering their costs a possible collaboration | present contract — until through their major sponwith Sauber in a deep way | the end of 1999 — would | sor Petronas, the Malaywith Sauber in a deep way but the contract is not writ-ten and this [Sauber] press release could compromise any further development of represent a step towards recouping the outlay. If finalised, a two-year

deal would be expected to cost Sauber around £10 million per season. It would also ensure the Swiss team's No. I driver Johnny Herbert had a chance of restoring his diminishing reputation after what was a disappointing first season with the team and the Ford V10.

whose name would be displayed on the cam covers of

the engines.
The V10s would initially the specifications that Schumacher used in finishing second in the Japanese Grand Prix last month -Ferrari plans a revised ver-sion for their drivers — while Sauber plan to estab-lish a service department at

ation where we could close down the fixtures for the weekend, even just the Sun-day evening before such a vital game." Tonight Britain play an Olympic Group A qualifying game against Slovenia at Sheffield.

Unbeaten in their five tournament games so far, they de-feated Slovenia 5-4 in Ljubljana last January. A repeat of that success, and victories over the Netherlands (away) and Switzerland (at Sheffield) and Switzerland (at Sheffield)
next month, will ensure progression to a seven-nation
final qualification tournament in Austria and Germany next February from
which the top five will go to
the 1998 Winter Olympics in
Nassan.

The coach's plea was all the more understandable after Sunday night's stormy Super-league encounter at Sheffield between the Steelers and Woods' own club, the Basingstoke Bison. Steelers won 7-1
after three players from each
side had been ejected for
fighting, including both netminders who fought at centre
ice, although Sheffield's Tom Plommer was the only one of eight GB squad members to

As the national squad asembled at Sheffield yesterday, Woods said: "Sheffield and Basingstoke tried to knock the crap out of each other. Then next day we're in the same dressing-room.

"I don't anticipate prob lems, though there has to be a cooling-off period and there'll be some minor tension. That has to be dealt with right away, we have to make sure task in hand. Slovenia are skilled and physical and for a third game in four nights."
Woods envied his soccer

counterpart Glenn Hoddle, who had the England squad together for a week before last Saturday's World Cup game in Georgia. Ice hockey might consider doing the same, he The Lions, on their recent tour of New Zealand, would testify to Murray's pace, attacking ability and goalkicking prowess. He scored two tries for the Maoris in a 40-28 win over the tourists and landed two goals in the 30-22 old New Zealander Liz in Georgia. Ice hockey might consider doing the same, he said. "In a perfect world that's what it would be all about and I don't think that's unrealistic to ask. But, if you look at our programme now compared to a couple of years agreed by the clubs.

Rugby League

to sign Murray

Paul Fitzpatrick

WiGAN have resisted competition from a number of clubs, notably Salford Reds, to sign the

He comes with some ring-ing endorsements about his ability. Denis Betts, the War-riors and former Wigan for-

fully-built 21-year-old Kiwi second-row forward rejected a new offer from Auckland to join Wigan and he, too, is expected to play against St Hel-ens at Christmas. Leeds, already in competi-tion with St Helens and sev-

eague, which recently lost its court battle against Super League, has now lost its chief executive John Quayle as well. He has resigned after 13 years as the second most pow-

DANNY MORRISON jeeva de Silva with his third bowled a speciacular over to help New Zealand tie their Muralitharan caught in the

match against Sri Lanka in the Singer Champions Trophy tournament in Sharjah vived a middle-order collapse yesterday. It was the 48th, with Sri Lanka needing one run to win with two wickets in hand. Morrison bowled SaClub move helps Ireland see The RFU will be relieved that the quality of teams against the strong tourists will be the best available. It would have been embarrassing to ask tourists to travel thousands of miles to a view of the control of the

thousands of miles to play

up to \$3 million on contracts

for leading players.

The proposals, involving a three-tier structure designed to encourage the Irlsh players.

now with English clubs to return home, will be put to Ireland's leading clubs next

Sunday. "Our aim is to make it less

place which will entice our top players back to Ireland and which will discourage

others from leaving."
The overall aim is to

restructure the game to em-

brace three main categories, the clubs, the provinces and the national sides.

Treorchy's coaching pair clive and Chris Jones have

resigned. Treorchy, who have

- held out an olive-branch to Twickenham last night when they promised to release players from Leagues One and Two for divisional matches against touring teams during the next month.
The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs organisation, which has been in dispute with the Rugby Football Union for a year, had threatened last month to prevent players from representing their divisions against the touring teams of Queensland, Argentina and South Africa

"NGLAND's leading clubs

Rugby Union

A. But the Epruc chairman Donald Kerr said yesterday:
"We have modified an agreement which we are negotiating with the RFU. Part of our proposals includes allowing said the IRFU president Bobby Deacy. "And we are de-termined to put a structure in our players to appear in these

The move is a promising step towards solving the dis-pute between the clubs and Twickenham, although the

won only one First Division game in eight and suffered four consecutive defeats in Fran Cotton, the Lions manager and a staunch sup-porter of the divisional set-up, welcomed Epruc's change of heart. Conference, have appointed the former Neath coach Lyn Jones as their new supremo.

danger in Tuigamala

RELAND's coach Murray Kidd has singled out the former All Black wing Va'aiga Tuigamala, a man Will Carling once compared to a runaway chariot, as the threat to his side in Dublin tonight, urites Ian Malin.

Tuigamala, hack in rugby union with Wasps this autumn, has been drafted into against League Three opposi-tion," he said.

Meanwhile the Irish Rugby Football Union has unveiled plans to halt the drain of play-ers to England by spending the Western Samos line-up for the international at Lansdowne Road. Tuigamala played for the All Blacks for

played for the All Blacks for three years before switching to rughy league in 1994.
"When he was with the All Blacks, his fitness was legendary — legendarily poor." said Kidd yesterday. "But he is now at the other end of the scale; he is extremely fit and strong He is a different type. strong. He is a different type of player and is probably not as fast as he was. He is more of a solid, strong runner rather than a finisher-off of moves. He has certainly developed in league. It has given him additional skills."

IRELANDE S Mason (Richmond); R Walface (Saratona), R Hewderson (London Irigh), J Bell (Northampton), J Tapping (Bellysona); D Homphraep (Lingh), N Hogen (Oxford University, capt); M Mariery (Mozeley), A Carke (Northampton), P Walface (Saratona), O Patcher (Lirks), J Berdelow (Krish, D Carfory (Bratol), D Modrida (Nahon), P Johns (Saratonic), Rephasonousium E Paud (Majone), P Barice (Břistol), S Melvar (Garryowen), England, Salatona, (Shannan), O Melpin (Lirish), E Sacherwett (Landowen) Stylbermeit (Lanskonne).
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tably Salford Reds, to sign the 21-year-old Auckland Warriors full-back David Murray.
Murray, who has has joined Wigan in a 12-month deal with a further two-year option, will link up with the club later this month and is expected to play in the Boxing Day challenge match against St Helens at Central Park.

He comes with some rins-

ward, describes Murray as "an exceptional talent". "The only reason he is leaving Auckland is because the War-riors have signed the New Zealand captain Matthew Ridge, who is undoubtedly the best full-back in the world

doday," he said.

According to Joe Lydon,
Wigan's football manager,
Murray is "one of the best
prospects I have seen in a
long time. He is already a
class act and I am sure he is
an chief executive in the his-

Wigan win race

victory for the President's XIII at Wellington. Murray will join his War-riors colleague Stuart Lester at Central Park. The power-

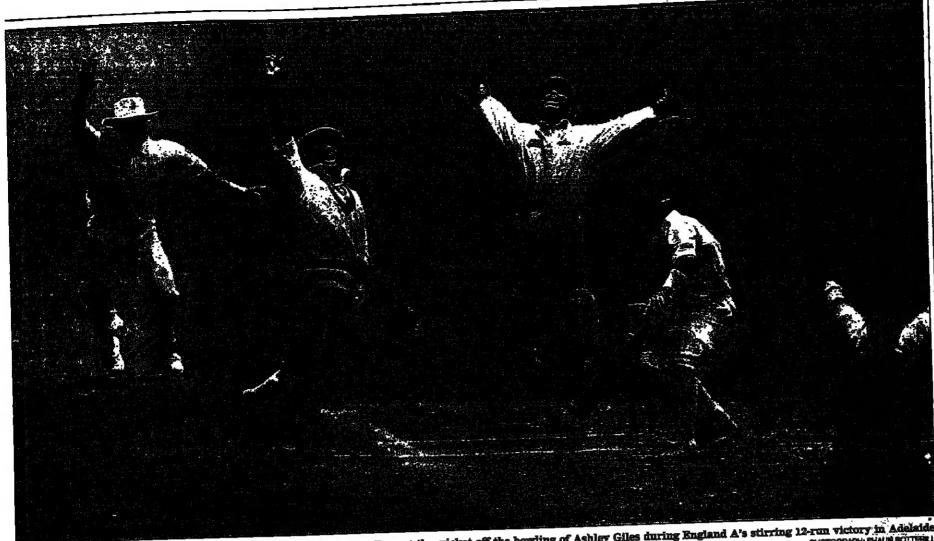
eral Australian clubs for the Kiwi Test player Richie Black-more, have joined Saints in the pursuit of lestyn Harris, War-rington's Wales and Great Britain back, who is listed at 21.25 million. Warrington's chairman Peter Higham said Leeds had been given permission to speak to him. The Australian Rugby

going to be a terrific asset to tary of the sport. The 37-year-the club".

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Celebration time . . . Warren Hegg catches South Australia's Tim Neilsen at the wicket off the bowling of Ashley Giles during England A's stirring 12-run victory in Adelaide PHOTOGRASH: SAMIN BOTTERLL yesterday. Dean Headley took five wickets to help turn the game. Andy Wilson reports, page 15

Tyson defeat 'finishes' King

nected to Main Events, as is

Kevin Mitchell hears Lennox Lewis's negotiator map out the way forward

door is a predictably long and
hungry one after
the crezy scenes in Las Vegas

and Mike Tyson. on Saturday night but Panos Eliades, the financial negotiator of the Lennox Lewis camp.

Lennox. We are very confident that when Evander fights again — and he has gone away to take a break — that he will fight Lennox. HE queue to King to the new champion's Evander Holyfield's doorbell. Yesterday he chal-"There is some doubt, also, about the legality of King's supposed option on a rematch Normally options on title fights are illegal — although this is boxing we're talking about "

and Mike Tyson.

"King has no hold over Holyfield whatsoever."
Eliades said. "Evander is not talking about." King maintained yesterday:

greatest rematch in the history of boxing."
Punters would certainly pay more to see a vulnerable

American way. We're going to see if we can put together the

Tyson try to regain his World Boxing Association title from the similarly suspect Holy-field than they would for a fight between Holyfield and the occasional Londoner Lewis. Whatever his merits

rights to Evander. It's the many, Lewis does not have American way. We're going to Tyson's box-office or pay-perview clout in America. King and Eliades will have

chance to exchange views on Thursday when the next episode is played out in a New Jersey court. King and Jose Sulaiman, the World Boxing Council president, have been subpoensed to explain to the subpoenaed to explain to the court why, having won the purse bidding for Lewis's next fight (a 12-rounder for the WBC's vacant championship against Oliver McCall, a King fighter) King failed to pure within the Vess bookmakers, who lost a produce the bout within the mandated time.

It is a familiar King tactic Eliades is not having it. Although a virtual novice in the

inght game, he has shown plenty of spirit in his confrontations with King.
"I think King is finished," says Eliades. "He is being frozen out of the picture." But those who have written his those who have written his obituary in the past have always had to do a rewrite and Eliades surely knows King is far from finished.

For a start he has two of the other so-called world champi-ons: Michael Moorer, who holds the International Boxing Federation version, and

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Emily Lloyd

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Henry Akinwande, the World Boxing Organisation titleholder. But Moorer is unhappy at losing the \$10 mil-lion he would have been paid to fight Tyson in March. Akinwande could inadver-

tently freeze Tyson out of the plicture as he is rated No. 3 by the WBC and mandatory chal-lenger for the winner of the Lewis-McCall fight. It would take some shamefaced re-rat-

egas bookmakers, who is small fortune on long-shot bets for Holyfield. Their overgenerous starting price of 25-1 on the underdog shrank to 5-1 after a late rush of tourist bets in the big hotels.
"It was the worst loss on a fight we've ever had," said a spokesman for the Las Vegas

Hilton. The Mirage paid out more than \$1 million and Binion's Horseshoe casino reported "an absolute disas-ter — all the money went on

The MGM Grand, which staged the fight, did not fare staged the light, did not late so badly but it is unlikely that any underdog will attract such attractive odds again.

Such attractive odds again. such attractive odds again.

Where Tyson scored on a featherweight



Richard Williams

T WAS a good weekend for boxing. Nobody died. Everywhere you looked there were winners.
By the end of the longest
Saturday night Las Vegas had witnessed an upset big enough to prove on its own that the whole business is not, after all, worked out in advance according to the sums scribbled on the back of an envelope in Don King's cost pocket. The fights are not fixed, in other words. Not, at east, once the guys are in the ring. How they get there is

another matter. another matter.

Perhaps the best thing about Evander Holyfield's astonishing win over Mike Tyson was the fact that it appeared to upset King's carefully laid plans. The worst thing was the sound of King reassuring reporters straight afterwards that, yes indeed.

Holyfield's immediate future Holyfield's immediate future was in his hands. "It's the American way," King crowed into the nearest available

microphone while simultaneously figuring out the value of a Holyfield-Tyson remaich. The next worst thing was the subdued give that greeted Tyson's downfall, the venous ous chorus of good-riddances from commentators who took an obvious pleasure in the pro-longed and conclusive defeat of a man they had once pro-claimed invincible.

Among the reasons for this was surely a sense of personal grievance against Tyson. whose failure had proved the worthlessness of their own predictions. There was a me sure of vengefulness in the dismissive accounts of his downfall, and it could also be detected in the rush to claim for Holyfield not just a place among the very greatest exponents of his art but also a kind of sainthood.

Myself, I'm not so happy to see Tyson fall victim to the revisionists who are now claiming that he ever fought only two men who weren't scared of him, and lost to both. He was a great champion whose later career was compromised by greedy manage-ment which failed to provide him with decent technical guidance, kept him away from

delusion.

And yet, in the end, nothing became Tyson like his manner in defeat. Did I dream it, or did he really shake Holyfield's hand and thank him for the fight, just like a tennis player at a Home Countles house party? I can't remember the last time I heard a pro sports-man utter such words, even with his PR man's hand up the back of his sweater. "I did my best." Tyson told the man who had just vanguished him.

You did better." Earlier that same night we heard the sound of a braggart on the way up. Don King has a piece of Naseem Hamed, too, and after listening to Hamed's boasts in the hours before his fight against Remigio Molina I found myself fervently hoping that the Argentinian boxer would find a way of depositing

would find a way of depositing the Sheffleld man on his leopardskin bottom.

There is nothing exclusive about finding that the combi-nation of Hamed sainstoppe-ble self-aggrandisement and his calculated beliftling of opponents tends to obliterate a proper admiration of his such nique. When I heard him predict that he would stop Molinu after two minutes of the second round, I found myself, asking why it is that a desired. ponents tends to obliterate a asking why it is that a di which seemed inspiring mad Ali should seem crudely brattish when it Hamed. Why could All taxust a beaten opponent without los-ing our affection, but not the

Ali invented sound-bite boasting, the belittling of op-ponents, the heightening of personal antagonism that now fuels practically all sport. But his identity was bound up in a wider destiny. In the Sixtles he belonged to a generation, a priselighter who was a sym-bol not of physical or financial conquest but, unbelievable as it may seem now, of raised

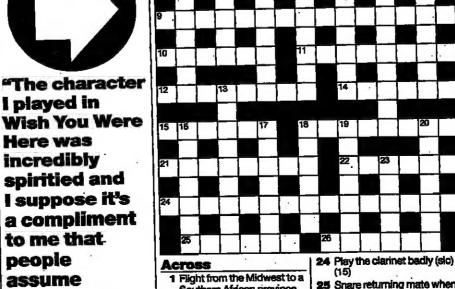
AMED has no such excuse. He has no broader social purpose. He exists only to enrich himself, Don King and Rupert Murdoch. Where Ali stood for togetherness and tolerance. Hamed unwittingly embodies selfishness and arrogance, the qualities imbued by a lifetime's exposure to the toxins of Thatcherism. Which means that he probably speaks as directly to his generation as Ali did to mine.

But that, I suppose, is beside the point. On Saturday night Hamed did what he promised he would do, to the very minute. And those of us who happen to dislike his manners are left, like Tyson and Molina, without a leg to stand on.

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